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ONTARIO OFFERS ASSISTANCE
TO LOCAL COUNTIES
IN GYPSY MOTH BATTLE

January 3, 1986

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio has urged five eastern Ontario counties to band together to fight a gypsy moth infestation.

In letters to county wardens, Mr. Kerrio offered up to \$35,000 from MNR to each county to co-ordinate its local gypsy moth program and to conduct public meetings -- on the condition that the county participate on a gypsy moth committee.

The counties involved are Lennox and Addington, Leeds and Grenville, Frontenac, Hastings, and Lanark.

"I would expect local government to play the lead role in organizing protection activities on private land and ensuring co-ordination with our Crown land protection programs," Mr. Kerrio said.

"Therefore, I am asking the counties to form a committee designed to co-ordinate planning among local governments, and with provincial and federal governments."

The MNR funding will be made available to acquire necessary technical and administrative expertise in the battle against gypsy moths, and to co-ordinate private and public protection efforts.

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is considering alternatives for a control program on selected Crown land in eastern Ontario. A series of open houses will be held this winter to elicit public response.

Gypsy moth larvae damaged about 245,000 hectares in eastern Ontario in 1985, and new egg mass surveys show that 750,000 hectares may be affected this year.

"The area of land affected each year continues to grow at an alarming rate," Mr. Kerrio said. "It is imperative that all levels of government work together to combat this serious threat."

The annual gypsy moth infestation has plagued parts of the eastern United States for more than 50 years. In eastern Ontario about 1,000 hectares around Tweed had moderate to severe damage by leaf-eating gypsy moth caterpillars in 1981. By 1985, 246,342 hectares were defoliated.

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CLARIFICATION FOR
FISHING REGULATIONS
SUMMARY 1986

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources announced today the following clarifications to the Fishing Regulations Summary 1986.

WINTER FISHING (page 10)

The usual regulations that pertain to angling apply when fishing through ice. In addition, when angling through ice no person shall angle with more than two (2) lines. The exceptions are:

- 1) Lake Nipissing (Division 27) where only one line is permitted.
- 2) Division 29 (Lennox and Addington, and part of Frontenac counties), where only one line is permitted from March 8 to April 30
- 3) Labyrinth Lake (Cochrane district) where five (5) lines are permitted.

BAIT-FISH (page 10)

From June through February, an angler may take bait-fish for personal use at any time, not just between sunrise and sunset.

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OPEN SEASON GUIDE (page 27)

The season for rainbow trout in Division 15 (east of Georgian Bay) is not limited to January 1 to September 30, but is open all year.

**STREAM MOUTHS HAVING AN ALL YEAR OPEN SEASON ON RAINBOW
AND BROWN TROUT (page 17)**

The Saugeen River (south of Owen Sound) should read:
Saugeen River - in the Townships of Saugeen and Amabel from the cement abutments below Denny's Dam to Lake Huron.

The above changes should be noted in copies of the Fishing Regulations Summary 1986, available at Ministry of Natural Resources district offices.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

January 10, 1986

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CREATES 16 SHORT-TERM JOBS IN MNR'S TORONTO OFFICE

Sixteen laid-off workers will share 198 work weeks on fish and wildlife projects at the Ministry of Natural Resources' Main Office in Toronto. The total cost of these special employment projects is \$168,545, and will be shared by the federal and provincial governments and project sponsors.

"The projects are being sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and by the Ontario Trappers Association," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "They will allow our fisheries and wildlife branches to complete some important work, such as developing a computer data base to help understand how fish adapt to acidic waters."

Workers will also help to determine the cause of high winter mortality rates in deer, create a furbearer management textbook and co-ordinate the testing of moose and deer kidneys to determine if cadmium levels are higher than normal.

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WORKING TO GET PEOPLE WORKING!

"We cannot afford to take Canada's human resources for granted," said Flora MacDonald, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration. "Job creation projects like these allow us to help workers enhance their work experience at the same time as they maintain an active role in the workforce."

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with regular unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR MAIN OFFICE - QUEEN'S PARK

January 10, 1986

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Fisheries	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	Developing a computer data base using data from the Provincial Fisheries Assessment Unit and performing simple statistical tests to determine the adaptability of fish in acidic waters. Preparing reports pertaining to pink salmon. Documenting the distribution of rainbow smelt.	4	56	\$36,864
Fisheries/ Wildlife	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	Co-ordinating deer and moose cadmium analysis between MNR districts and laboratories. Co-ordinating flow of data between wildlife branch, districts and laboratories to provide statistical analysis of previous 1985 auxillary data on cadmium levels in moose and deer. Assessing mortality information of game. Analyzing water chemistry data, and performing quality control and metric conversions on new survey data.	6	70	\$47,356
Wildlife	Ontario Trappers Association	Editing and reviewing a furbearer management textbook, and assisting in layout and proofreading.	3	36	\$23,354
Wildlife	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	Determining the physical condition of white-tailed deer captured during the winter in the East Mills, Hardy, Pringle, Vespra and Medonte townships to measure causes of winter deer mortality.	3	36	\$60,971

TOTALS: 16 198 \$168,545



January 13, 1986

MINISTRY HOLDS
OPEN HOUSES TO DISCUSS
FOREST PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will begin a series of open houses this week for public discussion of its 1986 proposals to protect forests from the ongoing threat of the spruce and jack pine budworms and the gypsy moth.

The first open house will be held in Thunder Bay on January 16 and, over the next two weeks, open houses will be held in more than 20 other cities and towns across northern and eastern Ontario.

"It is vital that the public know and understand what we are proposing, and have an opportunity to comment on our forest protection program," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today. "It also gives the public a chance to approach the experts with questions on every aspect of the protection program, including aerial spraying."

The Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) has reported that more than 12 million hectares of valuable northern Ontario forests were damaged by the spruce budworm last year. The situation is not expected to improve in 1986.

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The jack pine budworm ate its way through almost four million hectares of northern forest last year. And while its population is expected to drop in a number of locations, the CFS predicts that moderate to severe defoliation will continue throughout much of the area affected in 1985.

The gypsy moth is spreading rapidly in eastern Ontario. Four years ago, it had damaged 1,000 hectares of forest. Last year, damage increased to a quarter of a million hectares. That figure is expected to triple this year.

"We believe these figures tell a frightening story about what may happen to our valuable forests, unless we act now," said Mr. Kerrio. "These open houses are a major step in the development of our overall action plan."

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EDITORS: A list of locations and dates of open houses is attached.

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OPEN HOUSE DATES

North Central Region

January 16	Thunder Bay
22	Nipigon
23	Atikokan
28	Terrace Bay
29	Geraldton

For more information, contact Felix Barbetti,
Regional Information Services Co-ordinator, in
Thunder Bay at (807) 475-1321.

Northwestern Region

January 20	Fort Frances
21	Dryden
22	Ignace
23	Sioux Lookout
24	Red Lake
28	Kenora

For more information, contact Greg Houlahan,
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Northeastern Region

January 21	Sault Ste. Marie
21	Sudbury
23	Espanola
28	Elliot Lake
30/31	Wawa

For more information, contact Ron Running, Regional
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Northern Region

January 21	Gogama
22	Chapleau
24	Hearst

For more information, contact Gerry O'Reilly,
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Eastern Region

January 24	Sharbot Lake
27	Tweed
28	Dacre
29	Brockville
30	Ottawa

For more information, contact Dan Paleczny,
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January 13, 1986

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ANNOUNCES COMMERCIAL FISHERY
ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR ONTARIO

The Ministry of Natural Resources is asking Ontario commercial fishermen to assist in a review of the ministry's fishery assessment capabilities.

"In order for our fishery management strategies to be effective, we have to be confident that our methods of estimating fish populations are accurate and reliable," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the annual meeting of the Ontario Council of Commercial Fisheries (OCCF) in Toronto today.

"For that reason, an independent review of MNR's assessment capabilities will be undertaken on a lake-by-lake basis, beginning with Lake Erie in 1986," he said.

Mr. Kerrio said that ministry staff would look to OCCF members for assistance in the selection of scientists and biologists to conduct the lake assessments.

"Working together on this review is extremely important," he said. "If we can agree on the numbers of fish we have -- and on how we reach those numbers -- we will have jumped a major hurdle in co-operative commercial fishery management."

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Mr. Kerrio also outlined other MNR programs aimed at increasing the viability of the commercial fishing industry in Ontario.

The ministry last year appointed a commercial fishing liaison officer to give commercial fishermen a direct link to the ministry. To further improve communications between the two groups, MNR will produce a newsletter twice a year, hold annual lake meetings, and clarify fishing regulations and administrative procedures. Mr. Kerrio also encouraged OCCF members to build unity within the industry by establishing lake associations.

To reduce conflict between sport and commercial fishermen, the ministry will continue to support the move from gill nets to livetrapp gear where feasible.

"Commercial fishing already makes a valued contribution to the provincial economy," said Mr. Kerrio. "Through rationalization, wise marketing decisions and greater unity, I am confident the industry can play an increasingly important role."

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January 13, 1986

PUBLIC MEETINGS SET TO
REVIEW LEASING OF COTTAGE LOTS
IN ALGONQUIN AND RONDEAU PROVINCIAL PARKS

A series of public meetings will be held in March to review the Ontario government's existing policy to phase out cottage leases in Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks by 1996.

"Recently, after reviewing concerns raised by leaseholders in the two parks regarding the policy, my Cabinet colleagues and I determined there should be a full public review," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

The Provincial Parks Council, a citizens' advisory committee which reports directly to the Minister of Natural Resources, has been asked to review this policy and report back to the Minister with recommendations by March 27.

When Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks were created in the 1890s, the government granted cottage leases in order to encourage park use and tourism. Since 1954, however, it has been government policy not to provide additional private cottaging opportunities in provincial parks.

In 1954, the province decided to discontinue leasing further cottage lots and to phase out existing ones. This decision was made in response to the tremendous post-war growth in outdoor recreation and the need to provide more opportunities for the public. Also, there was a desire to recapture the natural character of provincial parks.

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All cottage leases were allowed to go to the full term of the agreement, plus an additional 21 years. Therefore, the last leases would expire in 1996.

The Provincial Parks Council, established in 1974, consists of members of the public who advise the Minister of Natural Resources on issues pertaining to the planning, development and management of Ontario's provincial parks.

The public meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will commence with a presentation that outlines the existing policy. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

March 4	St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall WHITNEY
March 5	Westbury B and C Rooms Loews Westbury Hotel 475 Yonge St. TORONTO
March 6	Wedgewood Room Wheels Inn 615 Richmond St. at Keil Dr. CHATHAM

Views may also be expressed by writing to:

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LEASING OF COTTAGE LOTS IN
ALGONQUIN AND RONDEAU PROVINCIAL PARKS

Issue

- Soon after the creation of Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks in the 1890s, the government offered long term leases for cottaging.
- In 1954, the Ontario Cabinet decided that no new cottage leases would be issued and that existing leases would be permitted to run their original term plus an additional term of 21 years. Under the policy, all cottage leases would be phased out of the two parks by 1996.
- In 1978, Cabinet amended the 1954 policy to permit cottage lessees of record as of August 1978, whose leases were due to expire prior to 1996, to extend their leases at market rents to 1996.
- Cottage leaseholders in Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks want the government to change the Cabinet-approved policy of 1954.
- The Ontario Provincial Parks Council has been asked to review the government's policy on the leasing of cottage lots in Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks, and to file a report and recommendations with the Minister of Natural Resources by March 27, 1986.
- As part of its review, the Council will hold public meetings in Whitney, Toronto and Chatham.

Background

- 1893-1953 - The Ontario government sought to encourage park use and tourism by granting long-term renewable leases for cottaging in Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks.
- 1954 - As a result of the post-war growth in outdoor recreation, Cabinet endorsed a provincial park policy to provide for the restoration of established provincial parks as near as possible to their natural state for the benefit, enjoyment and advantage of the people of Ontario.
- Cabinet decided that no new cottage leases would be issued in provincial parks. Existing leases would be permitted to run their terms plus an additional term of 21 years in order to permit leaseholders to adjust to the policy.

- 1973 - The Algonquin Park Advisory Committee, an independent public review panel established during park master planning, recommended continuation of the 1954 policy.
- 1974 - The policy was re-affirmed in the Cabinet-approved Algonquin Provincial Park Master Plan.
- 1976 - Independently, the Algonquin and Rondeau leaseholders contacted the Ontario Ombudsman seeking advice on their rights as leaseholders. An investigation was initiated.
- 1978 - After reviewing a number of options, Cabinet agreed to amend the 1954 policy to permit cottage lessees of record as of August 16, 1978 whose leases were due to expire prior to 1996, to extend their leases at market rents to 1996 or until the death of the lessee (or surviving spouse), whichever came first.
- Leaseholders were given one year from June 1, 1979 to decide on joining the plan. Leases held by persons who did not opt for the plan would not be extended beyond their original expiry dates.
- 1979 - The Cabinet-approved policy of 1978 was re-affirmed as a result of the Algonquin Provincial Park Master Plan Review.
- As a result of his investigations, the Ombudsman concluded that the 1954 policy was administered in a fair and equitable manner. Further, he indicated support for the policy as amended by Cabinet in 1978.
- 1979-1985 - The 1978 Cabinet-approved policy was re-affirmed in numerous letters signed by the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources to leaseholders and their representatives.
- At the time of the 1954 policy announcement, 445 cottage leases existed in Algonquin and 449 in Rondeau.
 - Since 1954, 119 leases (27 per cent) in Algonquin and 174 leases (39 per cent) in Rondeau have expired or been purchased.
 - By 1996, the remaining 326 leases in Algonquin, and 275 leases in Rondeau will have expired.
 - A total of 116 (34 per cent) of the eligible leaseholders in Algonquin and 54 (18 per cent) in Rondeau opted to join the lease extension plan offered by the Ministry in 1979.

- When leases expire, lessees are given reasonable time to remove their improvements and vacate the park; otherwise, improvements become the property of the Crown.
- The present policy is to purchase unexpired leases when offered to the Crown. In recent years, however, very few leases have been purchased due to financial constraints.
- To date, \$1.5-million and \$1.46-million have been spent to acquire leases in Algonquin and Rondeau provincial parks, respectively.
- In cases where an agreeable price cannot be negotiated or funds are not available, the leaseholder is authorized to dispose of his interest privately in accordance with the approved policy.



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STANDARD SYMBOL
HELPS CONSUMERS
IDENTIFY WHITE PINE PRODUCTS

Manufacturers of goods made from white pine, Ontario's official tree, can now label their products with a distinctive symbol which will help consumers identify the wood.

Ontario Minister of Natural Resources Vincent Kerrio announced the symbol will be promoted and administered by the Ontario Forestry Association.

"Pine furniture, specialty lumber and wood carvings can be more easily recognized as white pine products through the use of this symbol of our provincial tree," said Mr. Kerrio.

The symbol was devised by the Ontario Forestry Association with help from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

It shows a mature white pine, distinguished by the feathery outline of its branches, silhouetted against a setting sun.

The OFA's executive director, Jim Coats, said the logo could be printed onto white pine products or be incorporated into a label.

"I think this symbol will please both the lumber industry and the camping and outdoors industries," said Mr. Coats.

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The idea for the symbol developed when a lumber manufacturer enquired about using a symbol of the provincial tree in his product promotions. Other manufacturers of white pine products said they would also be interested in marketing their goods using such a symbol.

"Most consumers don't recognize a product made of white pine," said Mr. Coats. "To most of us, one evergreen looks much like the next. If this symbol becomes widely used, that could change."

The Ontario Forestry Association is registering the logo as a trademark. Manufacturers who would like to incorporate the white pine logo in their labelling should contact the OFA. A small royalty fee may be required. The OFA can be contacted at 150 Consumers Road, Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1P9; telephone (416) 493-4565.

The eastern white pine was made Ontario's official arboreal emblem in 1984, the province's bicentennial year.

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PROPOSES ANGLING LICENCE
FOR ONTARIO RESIDENTS

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is proposing -
a \$10-a-year angling licence for Ontario residents age 18 to
64, and a \$5-a-year licence for residents 65 and over.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the
Ontario Legislature today that a condition of the proposal
is that most of the revenues generated by the licence be
used directly to improve Ontario's angling fisheries, and
also that the licence meet with the acceptance of the
anglers of Ontario.

"We feel the majority of anglers support a resident
fishing licence as a means of helping to pay for the
protection, maintenance and rebuilding of the resource they
use," he said.

"We would like to see a licence introduced in time for
the 1987 fishing season. However, before we go any further
with this proposal, we will make sure the public has a
chance to give us their opinion, and to participate in
shaping the conditions -- including the cost -- of the
licence."

Mr. Kerrio said the draft proposal presented to the
Legislature today is to be considered only a starting point
for discussion and negotiation.

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A round of public meetings will be held across the province during the next three months to enable public participation in formulating the final terms of the angling licence. The public will also be asked to comment on how the revenues generated by the licence should be spent.

The Ontario government spends more than \$30-million annually on fisheries programs. The fisheries budget dollars go toward fish and habitat protection, public education and co-operative programs, cleaning up polluted fisheries habitat, fish stocking and research.

"Much more still needs to be done," Mr. Kerrio said. "We estimate that a resident sport fishing licence could add \$10-million to our fisheries management budget. The increased revenues would allow us to expand our programs, and tackle many more projects to improve sport fishing across the province."

The introduction of a resident sport fishing licence has received support from groups such as the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

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EDITORS: Please note a background sheet is attached.

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PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENT ANGLING LICENCE

Background

- Sport fishing contributes \$700-million annually to the Ontario economy, the equivalent of 25,000 full-time jobs.
- Approximately 38 per cent, or 2.25 million Ontario residents, fish at least once a year.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources currently spends more than \$30-million a year to look after its fishery.
- The fisheries budget dollars go toward programs such as fish and habitat protection, cleaning up polluted fisheries habitat, fish stocking, research, and public education.
- Funds are also allocated for co-operative fishery improvement programs such as those run by MNR's Community Fisheries Involvement Program (CFIP).
- Revenues from non-resident angling licences and other sources amount to about \$10-million.
- All other provinces in Canada require residents to obtain angling licences. Resident licences are also required throughout the United States. Licences in other jurisdictions range from \$5 to \$20 a year. The median charge is about \$10.

Benefits

- A resident fishing licence could provide \$8- to \$12-million in additional funds for MNR's fisheries budget, allowing an expansion of existing programs and development of new initiatives.
- MNR is currently able to provide only about 70 per cent of the need for fish planting. This shortage could be alleviated by upgrading existing facilities and by placing additional fish hatcheries and rearing stations in strategic locations.
- Organized poaching has become a major problem in Ontario, and has wiped out brood stocks in some streams. Increased funding for fisheries law enforcement would help protect and preserve the fishery.

- Funding for the Community Fisheries Involvement Program (CFIP) would be increased. Two additional Community Advisors could be hired to provide advice to participating community groups.
- Large scale CFIP projects sponsored by municipalities and private organizations will be considered.
- With more project funds available for dam modification, access to spawning grounds could be improved for species like rainbow trout and salmon. MNR has already targeted many dams for removal or modification in southern Ontario alone.
- More and expanded research projects are necessary for fisheries scientists to develop fish stocks which are better able to cope with the changing natural environment.
- Distribution of education kits to teachers, class visits to fish hatcheries, and public involvement projects are ways that funding could be used to emphasize the importance of fishery management programs.
- A resident angling licence will also give fisheries managers important information about how the resource is being used. MNR will be able to monitor who is fishing, where and for what, and fisheries management programs would become better geared to the needs of the angler.
- An improved Ontario fishery means more fishing opportunities. This, in turn, means more revenue from tourism, resulting in increased benefits to the hospitality industry, retailers, and other businesses and service industries.



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MNR PROPOSES FISHERIES
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FOR NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Fisheries improvement projects worth more than \$280,000 have been proposed in northwestern Ontario for 1987, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"These projects will strengthen Ontario's commitment to border water fisheries by improving the fisheries in the Rainy River/Lake of the Woods area," said Mr. Kerrio who met with Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Marlene Johnson and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff in St. Paul on Monday to discuss the proposals.

"The proposals represent a significant increase in Ontario's effort to manage the valuable border lakes fisheries," said Joseph Alexander, Minnesota DNR Commissioner. "The working partnership of Minnesotans and Canadians is resulting in closer co-ordination and better understanding on ways to preserve and enhance the natural resources on our borders."

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The fisheries projects proposed by Ontario are:

- Expansion of the walleye rehabilitation program on the north arm of Rainy Lake, including pond culture of walleye to fingerling size;
- Improvement of fisheries habitat on the southern section of Lake of the Woods, near Nestor Falls and in Clearwater and Whitefish Bays;
- A Lake of the Woods research program aimed at enhancing the sturgeon fishery;
- Hiring of two additional, full time resource technicians for the Lake of the Woods assessment unit;
- A creel census and index netting program to assess the harvest of walleye and northern pike by recreational and commercial fishermen; and,
- An updating of the Ontario/Minnesota Boundary Waters Atlas in co-operation with Minnesota officials.

"Minnesota will do all it can to co-operate with Ontario's new initiatives to make them as successful as possible," said Mr. Alexander. "We also intend to devote staff and funds to our continuing fishery research and resource management studies on the border waters."

Minnesota fish managers have been conducting a creel census and test netting on Lake of the Woods since 1981 and on Rainy Lake since 1983. The expanded Ontario program will tie in with Minnesota's assessment project to provide accurate information on the status of the fish stocks.

Ontario's proposal will cost \$280,000 in 1987, and an estimated \$265,000 in 1988. In 1985, Minnesota-based anglers contributed \$80,000 through the purchase of the \$3 daily angling validation tag.

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Mr. Kerrio's recent announcement of a proposal for an Ontario resident angling licence complements these border water initiatives. Mr. Kerrio also proposes that new funds generated by a resident licence will be used directly for a significantly enhanced fisheries improvement program throughout Ontario.

The proposals for Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods will be presented for approval to the Ontario/Minnesota Fisheries Technical Committee, which will meet in April in a border community.

The Technical Committee was formed in September 1985 to review and recommend action on fisheries management on all waters shared by Ontario and Minnesota, excluding the Great Lakes. The fisheries officials from Ontario and Minnesota on the committee meet once a year to discuss programs and issues of common concern.

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ONTARIO'S BORDER WATERS

The importance of Ontario's border waters fishery

- Northwestern Ontario's border waters -- Rainy River, Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods -- are among the major non-resident tourist fisheries in the province, together supporting more than 10 per cent of all non-resident angling in Ontario.
- More than 35,000 Ontario residents -- many of them sports anglers -- live adjacent to Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake.
- The Ontario portions of these waters also support 45 commercial fishing and 130 tourist accommodation operations.
- Of 17 Indian bands living on or near the waters, most hold commercial fishing licences.

Why Ontario's fisheries managers are concerned

For several years, there has been concern about overfishing in some heavily used sections of the border waters lying between Ontario and Minnesota. In July 1984, the two governments released the **Minnesota-Ontario Boundary Waters Fisheries Atlas for Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake and Rainy River**.

The atlas was compiled by the Ontario Ministries of Natural Resources, Tourism and Recreation and Northern Affairs, in co-operation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Ontario Minnesota Fisheries Technical Committee

In a spirit of continued co-operation, Ontario and Minnesota formed a joint committee in 1985 to monitor and manage the fisheries shared by the two jurisdictions.

The Ontario Minnesota Fisheries Technical Committee will review and assess fish stocks and recommend action on fisheries management within boundary waters.

Boundary waters are all waters shared by Ontario and Minnesota, excluding the Great Lakes. Initial efforts will concentrate on Rainy River and Lake of the Woods.

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Over-harvesting of the border waters

Lake of the Woods

- In Ontario's central sector of Lake of the Woods, the walleye harvest (145,000 pounds) is 40,000 pounds and the northern pike harvest (84,000 pounds) is 9,000 pounds over long-term sustainable levels.
- In Ontario's southern sectors, the current walleye harvest (342,000 pounds) is 50,000 pounds over the long-term sustainable levels.
- In the same sectors, the northern pike harvest (243,000 pounds) is 35,000 pounds over the long-term sustainable levels.
- In the south sectors of the lake, anglers based in the U.S. account for almost 50 per cent of all fishing activity.

Rainy Lake

- The walleye population in the north arm is well below its potential and needs to be rehabilitated.
- In the north arm, northern pike are being harvested at high levels, but appear stable, and smallmouth bass and crappies are stable at the present levels of harvest.
- Walleye stocks in Redgut Bay are stable; northern pike are under-harvested; and both smallmouth bass and crappie are stable.
- The south arm contains one walleye stock common to Ontario and Minnesota that is recovering from over-harvesting, but needs protection.
- Further, in the south arm, northern pike stocks are stable; bass appear to be increasing; crappies are limited in distribution, and whitefish stocks are in good condition.
- In two separate Ontario sectors of the lake -- Redgut Bay and the south arm -- U.S.-based fishermen account for 49 and 83 per cent respectively of all fishing activity.

Ontario's Border Waters Validation Tag. It's still needed:

- to conserve the fisheries resource in the border waters area;
- to provide a stimulus to the Ontario-based tourist industry by improving fishing quality and reducing relative costs of Ontario-based accommodation;
- to provide an effective way of identifying and monitoring how many non-resident anglers use the border waters fishery, in the event that future conservation and/or management efforts are required.



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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NEWS RELEASE

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources issued a news release yesterday -- January 30 -- entitled MNR PROPOSES FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Some information pertaining to the fisheries projects was incorrect. The fourth point in the list of projects on the second page should be replaced by:

- Hiring of two additional, full time Conservation Officers, one based on Rainy Lake and the other on Lake of the Woods;
- Hiring of an additional, full time resource technician for the Lake of the Woods assessment unit.

All other information in the release is correct. The Ministry of Natural Resources regrets the error.

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February 3, 1986

ONTARIO INCREASES
PROVINCIAL PARK FEES
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Ontario provincial park fees will increase beginning April 1, 1986, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"Fees have not kept pace with inflation in recent years," Mr. Kerrio said. "To help defray rising operating costs, provincial park camping fees will increase by approximately \$1."

Mr. Kerrio said steps have been taken to ensure that senior citizens and young people will not be disadvantaged by the fee increases.

"Ontario senior citizens and youth groups will pay half the regular camping fees, and no fees at all for day use," Mr. Kerrio said. "Reduced rates will also apply in campgrounds during cooler seasons if water is not available to campers."

Camping fees will increase by about \$1, depending on the facilities provided. A permit for a campsite with electricity will cost \$10 a night; a provincial park with showers will cost \$8.50 a night; a provincial park without showers will cost \$7.50 a night; and an additional vehicle permit will cost \$3.25 a night. The daily vehicle permit will be \$3.

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EDITORS: A list of 1986 provincial parks fees is attached.

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PROVINCIAL PARK USER FEES 1986

FEES FOR PERSONS OTHER THAN SENIOR CITIZENS

	<u>Full Rate</u>	<u>Reduced Rate</u>
Campsite and vehicle permit per night:		
• campsite with electricity	\$10.00	\$7.00
• provincial park with showers	8.50	5.75 (showers not available)
• provincial park without showers	7.50	5.75
• additional vehicle permit	3.25	2.50
Interior camping permit per night:		
• per person, who is more than five but less than 65 years of age	2.50	2.50
• youth or special group, per person	1.25	1.25
Group camping per night:		
• adult group, basic group fee	5.50	5.50
- additional fee for each member of the group who is more than 18 but less than 65 years of age	1.00	1.00
- additional fee for each member of the group who is 65 years of age or more	.50	.50
• youth or special group, basic group fee	2.75	2.75
- additional fee for each member of the group	.50	.50
Reservation fee for campsite and vehicle permit or interior camping permit	2.25	2.25

	<u>Full Rate</u>	<u>Reduced Rate</u>
Day-Use:		
⊙ Daily vehicle permit	\$ 3.00	none
⊙ Annual vehicle permit	30.00	none
⊙ Bus permit	12.00	none
⊙ Daily winter trails permit		
- where winter trails are groomed and trackset	5.25	none
- where winter trails are not groomed and trackset	3.00	none

SENIOR CITIZEN FEES

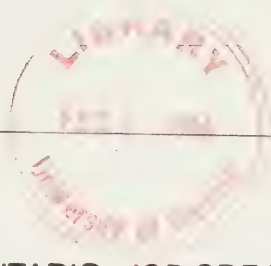
	<u>Full Rate</u>	<u>Reduced Rate</u>
Campsite and vehicle permit per night:		
⊙ campsite with electricity	\$5.00	\$3.50
⊙ provincial park with showers	4.25	2.75 (showers not available)
⊙ provincial park without showers	3.75	2.75
⊙ additional vehicle permit	3.25	2.50
Interior camping permit, per night for each person	1.25	1.25
Group camping, per night:		
- basic group fee	2.75	2.75
- additional fee for each member of the group	.50	.50
Reservation fee for campsite and vehicle permit or interior camping permit	2.25	2.25
Day-Use:		
⊙ Daily vehicle permit	free	free



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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

February 4, 1986

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CREATES 30 JOBS IN MNR'S ALGONQUIN REGION

Thirty laid-off workers will share 402 work weeks in six mining, forestry and fish and wildlife projects in the Algonquin area. The total cost of these special employment projects is \$196,619, and will be shared by the federal and provincial governments and project sponsors.

"Workers will be involved in improving deer habitat in the Bracebridge district," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "These activities include cutting trails and constructing deer feeding facilities."

Workers will also assist in winter creel surveys in Bancroft District, and the thinning and pruning of tree plantations in Parry Sound.

"Decreasing the current unemployment level requires the combined efforts of the federal and provincial governments," said Flora MacDonald, federal Employment and Immigration Minister. "Working together we can improve long-term employment opportunities."

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WORKING TO GET PEOPLE WORKING!

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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EDITORS: Please note a list of individual projects is attached.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR ALGONQUIN REGION

February 4, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Bancroft	fish and wildlife	Crowe Valley Conservation Authority	Updating fisheries survey and management plans. Completing a winter creel survey at brook trout fisheries located at Hicks and Dropledge lakes. Assisting in winter supplemental deer feeding.	5	59	\$29,045
Bracebridge	fish and wildlife	District Municipality of Muskoka	Improving deer habitat -- cutting trails, new browse plots, retreating old browse plots -- and constructing deer feeding facilities. Assisting in winter creel census. Collecting and collating fisheries information on lakes sensitive to acid rain.	4	38	\$24,818
Bracebridge	mining	District Municipality of Muskoka	Extracting, solar drying and transporting two tonnes of peat sod for overwinter storage.	3	24	\$10,360
Parry Sound	forestry	Loring-Restoule Tourist Association	Building a temporary winter road for the public to go into designated Crown lands and take out small quantities of fuelwood. Thinning trees to improve hardwood stands.	7	105	\$58,844

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Parry Sound	forestry	Township of Carling	Releasing regenerated white pine stands from competing deciduous growth.	7	136	\$41,799
Pembroke	fish and wildlife	Municipal Corporations of Hagarly and Richards	Maintaining deer feeding stations at the Bonnechere and Germanicus -- 50 tonnes of deer feed will be distributed.	4	40	\$31,753



February 5, 1986

MNR SUBMITS
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR TIMBER MANAGEMENT

A class environmental assessment for timber management activity on Crown land has been submitted to the Minister of the Environment for review and approval under Ontario's Environmental Assessment (EA) Act.

Timber management activities include access road construction, harvest operations, site preparation, regeneration by natural or artificial means, the tending of new forests and the protection of Crown forests from insects and disease. Timber management occurs on more than 500,000 square kilometres of Crown lands that are classed as productive forest.

"The submission of this class environmental assessment represents a major step for MNR in its obligations under the EA Act," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "In the preparation of the document, MNR consulted a wide variety of interested parties, including representatives of the forest and tourism industries, environmental and native groups, and other affected government agencies."

The class environmental assessment outlines a formal planning process which will be applied in the preparation and review of timber management plans across the province. In addition, it describes the formal opportunities that will be available to involve the public in the process of preparation and review.

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The Ministry of the Environment will now co-ordinate a government-wide review, followed by a public review, a process expected to take several months.

Staff from MNR have already begun to apply the process set down in the class environmental assessment to timber management plans being prepared during 1986.

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EDITORS: Please note a copy of the foreword and formal summary which form part of the class environmental assessment document are available from Debra Natiuk at (416) 965-2756.

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February 6, 1986

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

If you're 17 years old and want to learn about resource management this summer, there's still time to apply to become a junior ranger. The Ministry of Natural Resources has 1,620 available positions at 60 camps across the province.

Junior rangers earn \$15 a day -- up from \$10 a day in previous years -- and receive free room and board plus subsidized travel costs.

The application deadline has been extended four weeks -- to February 28.

The program, which began in 1944, offers young people eight weeks of outdoor work, learning and recreation. "It's a great opportunity for young people to learn about the great outdoors and discover why natural resources are important to the province," said Theresa Campbell, supervisor of the MNR's youth programs.

Blazing hiking trails, planting tree seedlings and working on lakeshores are but a few of the tasks undertaken by the junior ranger program.

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Prospective applicants must be 17 years of age, but not 18 by August 31, 1986. Applications can be obtained from the junior ranger program office of the Ministry of Natural Resources, 4th Floor, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3 (416) 965-1258.

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RESOURCES MINISTRY PREPARED
TO SUPPORT ASSISTANCE
FOR PRIVATE LAND SPRAYING



February 11, 1986

The Ministry of Natural Resources is prepared to support an amendment to the Municipal Act which would allow nine eastern Ontario counties to plan and undertake aerial spraying of private land against forest-damaging gypsy moths, where requested by the landowner.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the legislature today that aerial spraying, the only practical way to combat the gypsy moth, is best designed and implemented at the local level.

The ministry held five open houses in eastern Ontario in January to outline the province's proposal for dealing with the problem on Crown land. Mr. Kerrio also met with local officials who asked for assistance in dealing with the gypsy moth on private land.

The Minister told the legislature that "I will be seeking authority to provide both financial and technical support for county spraying programs. This support will be formalized through an agreement between the province and individual counties."

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"I will be recommending that under the provincial Forestry Act, funding be made available in 1986 to enable the nine eastern Ontario counties to reimburse private landowners who participate in an aerial spray program," Mr. Kerrio said.

He added that, to ensure all-party support, the assistance will be provided only in cases where *Bacillus thuringensis* (Bt), a bacteriological insecticide, is used.

The infestation of gypsy moths in the nine counties has multiplied 246 times in the past four years. By the end of 1986, the Ministry of Natural Resources expects that 750,000 hectares will be under attack in eastern Ontario.

Gypsy moths are more than just a nuisance. In the larvae stage, these insects can defoliate, weaken and eventually kill entire forests. They also have the potential to damage or destroy wildlife habitat, timber and recreational property.

Mr. Kerrio said that "there is no doubt that if the infestations are left unchecked, the areas affected will suffer a loss of jobs in the forest, tourism and recreation industries."

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February 13, 1986

MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ANNOUNCES BIOLOGICAL INSECTICIDE
TO FIGHT BUDWORM AND GYPSY MOTH

The Ontario Minister of Natural Resources has announced that a biological insecticide will be used in the 1986 aerial spraying program to fight budworm and gypsy moth.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) annual meeting today that "under the circumstances of a minority government, we have decided to proceed with a biological spray program this year. This was the only way we could get all-party support for any aerial spraying program to battle the present budworm and gypsy moth infestation."

Mr. Kerrio told the OFIA that, while "we do not have the option of implementing the exact program we proposed to the public, we do have a program that will be far-reaching and effective."

The Minister said he took some pride in the fact that this year's program is "three times larger in size than the program approved last year by the previous government."

Mr. Kerrio said he is confident this year's proposed spray program will effectively protect Ontario's forests.

The Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) has reported that more than 12 million hectares of valuable northern Ontario forests were damaged by the spruce budworm last year. The situation is not expected to improve in 1986.

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The jack pine budworm infested almost four million hectares of northern forest in 1985. And while its population is expected to drop in a number of locations, the CFS predicts that moderate to severe defoliation will continue throughout much of the same area.

The gypsy moth is spreading rapidly in eastern Ontario. In 1981, a reported 1,000 hectares in the Kaladar area were affected. In 1985, the infested area had increased to 250,000 hectares. That figure is expected to triple in 1986.

The Ministry of Natural Resources held a series of public open houses throughout the affected areas of northern and eastern Ontario in January to allow public discussion of its 1986 aerial spraying proposals.

"To all those who participated in the open houses -- including many representatives from the industry and individual members of the public -- I would extend my thanks for their participation," Mr. Kerrio said.

"We wanted that public consultation process to run its course but that option has been removed. That's the reality of a minority government and the compromises it requires to work effectively."

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PUBLIC ASKED TO COMMENT
ON PROPOSED ANGLING
LICENCE FOR ONTARIO RESIDENTS

Ontarians will be asked what they think of a proposed new resident angling licence at 18 public meetings across the province from February 18 to April 15.

"I want the public to have a chance to comment and participate in setting the conditions -- including the cost -- of the new licence before we proceed further," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

Mr. Kerrio has suggested a \$10 licence fee for Ontario residents between 18 and 64 and a \$5 fee for residents 65 years of age and over.

The ministry wants to introduce the licence in time for the 1987 fishing season.

Anglers have been asking for a resident licence for some time now as a means to help pay for the protection, maintenance and improvement of the resource they use," Mr. Kerrio said.

Ontario currently spends \$30-million annually on fisheries programs. Fees from the new licence could provide another \$10-million for projects ranging from stream improvement to additional stocking and enforcement.

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Some ministry district offices are planning additional public meetings over and above the series of 18 already scheduled. For more information, contact your local ministry office.

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EDITORS: A list of the MNR Public Meetings and their locations is attached.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS RE PROPOSED ANGLING LICENCE

All meetings are from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Thunder Bay, **Feb. 18, 19;** Faculty of Education,
Lakehead University, Oliver Road

Fort Frances, **Feb. 24;** Red Dog Inn, 700 Stewart Street

Kenora, **Feb. 26;** Inn of the Woods (formerly Holiday Inn),
470 First Avenue South

Dryden, **Feb. 27;** Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 34 Queen Street

Sault Ste. Marie, **March 3, 4;** Ramada Inn,
229 Great Northern Road

Timmins, **March 6;** Senator Motor Hotel,
14 Mount Joy Street South

Kirkland Lake, **March 7;** Adams Mine Employees Association
Hall, 38 Duncan Avenue North

Sudbury, **March 10, 11;** Sheraton Caswell Hotel,
1696 Regent Street South

North Bay, **March 13;** Ramada Inn, 700 Lakeshore Drive

Parry Sound, **March 14;** Bobby Orr Community Centre,
7 Mary Street

Ottawa, **March 24;** Chimo Inn, 1199 Joseph Cyr Street

Kingston, **March 26;** Howard Johnson's Confederation Place
Hotel, 237 Ontario Street

Peterborough, **March 27;** Red Oak Inn, 100 Charlotte Street

Niagara Falls, **April 1;** Park Motor Hotel, 4960 Clifton Hill

Toronto, **April 2, 3;** Howard Johnson's Airport Hotel,
801 Dixon Road

Windsor, **April 7;** Holiday Inn, 480 Riverside Drive West

London, **April 9, 10;** Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road

Owen Sound, **April 15;** Owen Sound Public Library,
824 First Avenue West



February 19, 1986

GREAT LAKES SHORELINE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
EXTENDED TO MARCH 31, 1987

Ontario's Great Lakes short-term emergency shoreline management programs have been extended one year -- to March 31, 1987 -- Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre announced today.

"Emergency shoreline management programs -- including low-interest loans to private landowners for protective works -- were set up in June 1985 when record high water levels on the Great Lakes caused extensive damage to properties on Lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie," Mr. Kerrio said.

"Above-average levels are expected again this year so the need exists to extend the programs."

The Ministers also announced the establishment of a Shoreline Management Review Committee to investigate long-term approaches to shoreline management. The members of the committee have yet to be chosen but will include provincial and municipal representatives as well as representatives of the general public.

"This committee will examine options for shoreline management," Mr. Kerrio said. "It will also look at the roles and responsibilities of the various levels of government, and of private landowners."

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The Shoreline Property Assistance Act program currently provides low-interest loans to private property owners for up to 75 per cent of the cost of protective works and repairs.

"I am planning on introducing an amendment to the legislation governing this program to allow owners of properties in unorganized municipalities to participate, and to make loans available for raising or relocating buildings, as well as for repairs," Mr. Grandmaitre said.

"The Ministry of Natural Resources will continue its technical advisory service to property owners seeking to repair shoreline damage," Mr. Kerrio said.

Mr. Grandmaitre also said that additional grants to municipalities may still be made in cases where the cost of restoring or protecting essential services would place an undue financial burden on local taxpayers.

Mr. Kerrio said MNR will assist conservation authorities in the repair of their flood and erosion control structures, and other ministries will respond similarly with repairs to works associated with their ministerial functions.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food will assist with repairs to structures protecting agricultural land. The Ministry of Transportation and Communications will deal with repairs to roads and bridges.

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"We believe the extension of the existing emergency programs, combined with public discussion on long-range options, will result in practical, immediate and long-term solutions to the serious high water problems along the shores of the Great Lakes," Mr. Kerrio said.

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EDITORS: A fact sheet is attached.

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BACKGROUND

Short-Term Emergency Shoreline Management Programs

Record-high water levels in spring 1985 resulted in millions of dollars of damage caused by shoreline flooding and erosion in areas on the Great Lakes.

In June the Ontario government approved a package of short-term emergency shoreline management programs to help repairs to public and private property.

Cabinet has now given approval to extending those programs as outlined below.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES/CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Technical Advisory Service

Purpose of the Program

- to provide technical design advice to property owners who are experiencing shoreline damage

Assistance Available

- 100 per cent funding of eligible costs

How to Apply

- property owners may apply through their local conservation authority
- where there is no conservation authority, apply through the local MNR District Office

Emergency Repair and Maintenance of Conservation Authority Structures

Purpose of the Program

- to carry out emergency repair and maintenance of conservation authority-owned shoreline erosion and flood control structures which have been subject to damage

Assistance Available

- extended to conservation authorities according to the normal grant rate structure

How to Apply

- conservation authorities may apply to their regional MNR offices

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MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Shoreline Property Assistance Act

Purpose of the Program

- to provide assistance to private owners through low-interest loans for protective works or repairs to damaged structures

Assistance Available

- maximum loan for shoreline repair or protection is the lesser of 75 per cent of total cost, or \$500 per metre of shoreline
- maximum loan for building repairs is the lesser of 75 per cent of total cost, or \$20,000
- loan is made to the property owner by the municipality at an interest rate of eight per cent
- loan is repayable through municipal taxes
- the province, through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, finances the loan by purchasing debentures from the municipality at the same repayment terms

How to Apply

- property owners may apply through their municipalities
- municipalities may participate in the program only after passing a bylaw approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, authorizing the sale of debentures to the province

Disaster Relief

Purpose of the Program

- to provide assistance for areas designated as disaster areas by the Ontario Cabinet

Assistance Available

- funds to pay for damages to principal residence and essential furnishings on a matched province-relief fund dollar basis (or other funding formula approved by Cabinet)
- maximum claim is 90 cents for each dollar of "eligible losses"

How to Apply

- local municipality, through council-endorsed resolutions, to request the province declare its municipality (or portion thereof) a disaster area; requests are forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Unconditional Grants Act

Purpose of the Program

- to provide assistance to municipalities where the costs of restoring or protecting essential services damaged by flooding or erosion would place an undue burden on the local tax base

Assistance Available

- any residual cost to a municipality, after deducting all other available grants, may qualify for special assistance

How to Apply

- municipalities should contact local office of the Field Services Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Drainage Act

Purpose of the Program

- to assist with repairs to dikes and other structures protecting agricultural lands as well as related drainage systems

Assistance Available

- grant rate is one-third the cost of the work

How to Apply

- ratepayers should contact the clerk of their local municipalities for details

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

Purpose of the Program

- to assist with repairs to municipal roads and streets damaged by flooding or erosion

Assistance Available

- grants are available at the normal subsidy rates under the Act

How to Apply

- municipalities should contact the local district engineer of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications

Ministry of Natural Resources
Regional and District Offices

<u>Offices</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Affected Area</u>
Southwestern Region	(519) 661-2800	
Owen Sound District	(519) 376-3860	Lake Huron
Wingham District	(519) 357-3131	Lake Huron
Chatham District	(519) 354-7340	Lake Erie
		Detroit River
		Lake St. Clair
		St. Clair River
		Lake Huron
Aylmer District	(519) 773-9241	Lake Erie
Simcoe District	(519) 426-7650	Lake Erie
 Central Region	 (416) 884-9203	
Niagara District	(416) 892-2656	Lake Erie
		Lake Ontario
Cambridge District	(519) 658-9355	Lake Ontario
Maple District	(416) 832-2761	Lake Ontario
Lindsay District	(705) 324-6121	Lake Ontario
Huron District	(705) 728-2900	Georgian Bay
 Algonquin Region	 (705) 789-9611	
Parry Sound District	(705) 746-4201	Georgian Bay
 Eastern Region	 (613) 258-3413	
Napanee District	(613) 354-2173	Lake Ontario
Brockville District	(613) 342-8524	St. Lawrence River
Cornwall District	(613) 933-1774	St. Lawrence River
 Northeastern Region	 (705) 675-4120	
Sudbury District	(705) 522-7823	Lake Huron
Espanola District	(705) 869-1330	Lake Huron
Blind River District	(705) 356-2234	Lake Huron
Sault Ste. Marie District	(705) 949-1231	St. Marys River
		Lake Superior
Wawa District	(705) 856-2396	Lake Superior
 North Central Region	 (807) 475-1261	
Terrace Bay District	(807) 825-3205	Lake Superior
Nipigon District	(807) 887-2120	Lake Superior
Thunder Bay District	(807) 475-1471	Lake Superior

Conservation Authorities

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Southwestern Region		
Grey Sauble	(519) 376-3076	Lake Huron
Saugeen Valley	(519) 364-1255	Lake Huron
Maitland Valley	(519) 335-3557	Lake Huron
Ausable-Bayfield	(519) 235-2610	Lake Huron
St. Clair Region	(519) 245-3710	Lake Huron
		St. Clair River
		Lake St. Clair
Essex Region	(519) 776-5209	Lake St. Clair
		Detroit River
		Lake Erie
Lower Thames Valley	(519) 426-4623	Lake Erie
		Lake St. Clair
Kettle Creek	(519) 631-1270	Lake Erie
Catfish Creek	(519) 773-9037	Lake Erie
Long Point Region	(519) 426-4623	Lake Erie
Central Region		
Grand River	(519) 621-2761	Lake Erie
Niagara Peninsula	(416) 227-1013	Lake Erie
		Niagara River
		Lake Ontario
Hamilton Region	(416) 525-2181	Lake Ontario
Halton Region	(416) 878-4131	Lake Ontario
Credit Valley	(416) 451-1615	Lake Ontario
Metro Toronto Region	(416) 661-6600	Lake Ontario
Central Lake Ontario	(416) 579-0411	Lake Ontario
Ganaraska Region	(416) 885-8173	Lake Ontario
Nottawasaga Valley	(705) 424-1479	Georgian Bay
Eastern Region		
Lower Trent Region	(613) 394-4829	Lake Ontario
Prince Edward Region	(613) 476-7408	Lake Ontario
Moira River	(613) 968-3434	Lake Ontario
Napanee Region	(613) 354-3312	Lake Ontario
Cataraqui Region	(613) 546-4228	Lake Ontario
		St. Lawrence River
Raisin Region	(613) 931-1564	St. Lawrence River
Northeastern Region		
Sault Ste. Marie Region	(705) 759-5342	Lake Superior
		St. Marys River
North Central Region		
Lakehead Region	(807) 344-5857	Lake Superior

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Kingston	(613) 547-2203
Oshawa	(416) 571-1515
Orillia	(705) 325-6144
Guelph	(519) 622-1500
Ottawa	(613) 566-3711
North Bay	(705) 476-4300
Sudbury	(705) 675-4343
Thunder Bay	(807) 475-1621

Ministry of Transportation and Communications

District Offices

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Chatham	(519) 354-1400
London	(519) 681-1441
Stratford	(519) 271-3550
Burlington	(416) 637-5625
Owen Sound	(519) 376-7350
Toronto	(416) 224-7456
Port Hope	(416) 885-6381
Kingston	(613) 545-4670
Huntsville	(705) 789-2391
Sudbury	(705) 522-9380
Sault Ste. Marie	(705) 256-5682
Thunder Bay	(807) 577-6451



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PARTY HUNTING OF
CALVES PERMITTED IN
1986 MOOSE HUNT

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio has announced changes to the 1986 Ontario moose hunt, in response to requests from hunters.

Mr. Kerrio told the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) today that beginning with the 1986 hunt, party hunting will be allowed for moose calves, and hunters with bear and moose licences may hunt for bear after harvesting a moose.

"These changes will permit hunters to have more of a traditional hunting experience, without affecting our goal to increase the moose population," Mr. Kerrio said.

Party hunting, which means any hunter in a party can harvest a moose on behalf of another hunter, was disallowed in 1983 when the selective moose harvest program was introduced. The selective harvest is designed to increase moose populations by reducing hunting pressure on adult moose, especially cows, through allocation of a specific number of tags for cow or bull moose for each management unit.

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"We have reinstituted party hunting for moose calves for two reasons," Mr. Kerrio said. "First, a hunter will no longer have to retire from the hunt after harvesting a moose, so now he or she will be able to continue to enjoy the hunting experience."

"And second, the moose calf population can withstand some additional hunting pressure without affecting our goal of doubling Ontario's moose population to 160,000 by the year 2000."

The new regulations will enable a hunter to hunt bear or continue to hunt calf moose with his party after he or she has tagged a moose.

For more information on changes in the 1986 hunting regulations and the selective harvest program, contact the local MNR district office.

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March 4, 1986

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BRINGS PEOPLE, ANIMALS TOGETHER
FOR TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is bringing people and wildlife together at the annual Toronto Sportsmen's Show being held from March 14 to 23 at the Coliseum, Exhibition Place.

For the first time, animals such as deer, groundhogs and skunks will mingle in open-space enclosures surrounded by flowers and trees. Old favorites such as the tundra wolf, golden eagle and red-tailed hawk will be displayed in landscaped cages.

Elsewhere, Canada geese, wild turkeys, ducks and swans will have a marshland setting. There are two large fish aquariums and a five-metre, flowing trout stream.

Emphasizing this year's "Working Together" theme, outdoors and wildlife experts will hold demonstrations to show how volunteers and MNR staff work together to improve and protect Ontario's natural resources.

"We're trying to show that there is more to the outdoors than a picture or scenic vista," says Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "The outdoors provides a place for people to go and enjoy a variety of activities. My ministry's exhibit this year provides a showcase on how sportsmen not only enjoy the outdoors but help work with ministry staff to improve our resources for everyone's benefit."

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The Sportsmen's Show is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults on weekdays, \$6 on weekends, \$3 for children under 15 and seniors on weekdays and \$4 on weekends.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES 1986 FUNDING
FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Provincial funding for the 38 conservation authorities across Ontario was announced today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

In 1986, the province will provide a total of \$39.3-million for the conservation authorities to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within their watersheds.

Mr. Kerrio noted that changes to the level of grants, to be used for capital projects as well as for general administration, are fully in line with adjustments to the 1986 funding levels for all agencies which receive provincial transfer payments.

For the conservation authorities located with the ministry's southwestern region, the funding has been allocated as follows:

Ausable-Bayfield C.A.	\$ 691,154
Catfish Creek C.A.	\$ 493,655
Essex Region C.A.	\$ 976,515
Grey-Sauble C.A.	\$ 830,978
Kettle Creek C.A.	\$ 272,512
Long Point C.A.	\$ 422,224
Lower Thames Valley C.A.	\$ 480,749
Maitland Valley C.A.	\$ 1,323,894
Saugeen Valley C.A.	\$ 1,810,703
St. Clair Region C.A.	\$ 751,624
Upper Thames River C.A.	\$ 1,381,746

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES FUNDING
FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has been granted \$428,198 to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within its watershed for 1986, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

This funding is part of an overall total of \$39.3-million in 1986 provincial grants to the 38 conservation authorities in Ontario.

Mr. Kerrio noted that changes to the level of grants, to be used for capital projects as well as for general administration, are fully in line with adjustments to the 1986 funding levels for all agencies which receive provincial transfer payments.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES FUNDING
FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has been granted \$609,630 to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within its watershed for 1986, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

This funding is part of an overall total of \$39.3-million in 1986 provincial grants to the 38 conservation authorities in Ontario.

Mr. Kerrio noted that changes to the level of grants, to be used for capital projects as well as for general administration, are fully in line with adjustments to the 1986 funding levels for all agencies which receive provincial transfer payments.

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March 6, 1986

40 SHORT-TERM JOBS
CREATED BY SPECIAL
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Cambridge children will soon be learning about resource management in regional nature centres, thanks to a federal-provincial job creation program.

"Workers will be hired to create and implement educational programs for nature centres for elementary school children," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister, Vincent Kerrio. "This project, one of several in the Cambridge, Meadowvale, Maple and Niagara areas, offers opportunities for workers with a variety of skills."

The federal-provincial job creation program will provide 40 laid-off workers with a total of 220 weeks of employment in parks and mining projects in central Ontario. The total cost of \$331,933 will be shared among the federal and provincial governments and project sponsors.

Other projects include studies of aggregate deposits, identification of stream bank areas where erosion may cause hazardous conditions, and developing computer data base systems and software of potential benefit to the mining industry.

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"I believe that providing laid-off workers with the job opportunities they need to maintain and improve their work skills is one of the most important uses of unemployment funds," said Flora MacDonald, federal Employment and Immigration Minister.

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with regular unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS FOR CENTRAL ONTARIO

March 6, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Cambridge	Conservation Authority	Grand River Conservation Authority	Developing educational programs in nature centres for elementary school children. Producing public events displays and information. Collecting data and field water samples for surveys and mapping.	12	16	66,135
Maple	Conservation Authority	Credit Valley Conservation Authority	Developing and implementing elementary school education programs on erosion and flood control. Measuring river ice and analysing movement. Updating floodline mapping. Creating a computerized watershed survey report. Constructing barbecues and firepits.	15	17	125,480
Maple	Mines	Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	Mapping aggregate deposits for land use planning of aggregate extraction activities.	3	51	20,888

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Niagara	Mines	Brock University	Identifying stream banks where sedimentation and erosion occur.	3	36	15,505
Niagara	Mines	Brock University	Developing a universal data system to generate geotechnical information for the mineral exploration industry. Creating a data base system and six programs for statistical analysis and data plotting functions.	4	64	88,270
Niagara	Mines	Brock University	Reviewing production data for 30 licensed aggregate producers in Niagara District to determine types of aggregates produced and the use to which each is put. Creating improved software package for aggregate production statistics.	3	36	15,655



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EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES 17 SHORT-TERM
JOBS IN NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

Amethyst hunting in the Thunder Bay area will soon be a lot easier thanks to a federal-provincial job creation program.

"Workers will be hired to document the occurrences of amethyst and other minerals in the area," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "They will also produce a pamphlet on mineral collecting opportunities and construct a mineral display."

Other projects include studying the potential of land for development as tree nurseries and the construction of an experimental container to store tree seedlings over the winter.

The program will provide 17 laid-off workers in north central Ontario with a total of 194 weeks of employment on mining and resource management projects.

The total cost of \$89,862 will be shared among the federal and provincial governments and various project sponsors.

"In these days of economic uncertainty, the creation of jobs is of great concern to us all," said Flora MacDonald, federal Employment and Immigration Minister. "We hope this program will encourage many similar endeavors."

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The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS FOR NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

March 6, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Thunder Bay	Mines	Castagne's Rock and Mineral Retail Store	Promoting interest in amethyst collecting around Thunder Bay by documenting known mineral occurrences. Producing a display and slide presentation on rock hounding.	4	48	16,203
Thunder Bay	Mines	Economic Development Corporation	Enhancing tourism in Thunder Bay area by documenting all known mineral occurrences for mineral collectors. Constructing a display of minerals and producing a pamphlet on mineral collecting opportunities.	3	36	12,711
Thunder Bay	Conservation Authority	Lakehead Region	Constructing an experimental cold container structure in a greenhouse environment to store seedlings over the winter.	5	30	24,083
Thunder Bay	Conservation Authority	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority	Studying the potential of land for future development as tree nurseries.	5	80	36,865



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DEVTRAN PETROLEUM RECEIVES
\$100,000 PROVINCIAL GRANT
FOR OIL RECOVERY PROJECT

The Ontario government is providing \$100,000 to support a multi-million dollar project that could lead to renewed operations in southwestern Ontario's abandoned oil fields.

Vincent Kerrio, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Energy, today presented a cheque to James Wade, chairman of Devtran Petroleum Limited of London, Ontario. The grant is co-funded by the two ministries.

"The Underground Oil Gravity Drainage project could allow for the recovery of some two million barrels of oil that were left in place when the usual extraction methods were abandoned in the early 1900s," said Mr. Kerrio. "The new method being tested utilizes a gravity-assisted drainage system to extract the oil."

Field work on the project was begun by Devtran last summer with the sinking of a 120-metre-long shaft in the centre of the former London Road oil field -- located eight kilometres east of Sarnia. A round work chamber has been constructed at the bottom of the shaft in the upper oil "pay zone." Drilling is currently taking place on horizontal drainage holes -- about 1,000 metres long -- extending like spokes from the work chamber into the oil pay zone.

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Gravity will drain the oil from the pay zone, along the drainage holes, into a central gathering system in the work chamber from which it will be pumped to the surface. It is hoped that through the use of various stimulation treatments, the oil in the pay zone will flow in quantities sufficient for commercial use.

"This project has attractive implications for Ontario, in terms of both jobs and investment," said Mr. Kerrio. "If it proves viable, it could lead to the renewal of operations in other shallow, abandoned oil fields in southwestern Ontario, which were once considered depleted."

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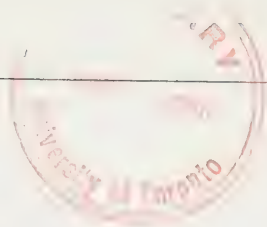
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April 3, 1986

PROGRAM UNDER WAY
TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL LAND
FOR NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PARKS SYSTEM

Approval of the Niagara Escarpment Land Acquisition Program was announced today by Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, at ceremonies held in Georgetown.

Mr. Kerrio said that Cabinet approval of the acquisition program means that up to 6,100 hectares may be purchased to complete a chain of parks along the Niagara Escarpment.

The acquisition program involves 57 of the Escarpment's 105 provincial parks and conservation areas. The 6,100 hectares are needed to consolidate existing parks or to facilitate the management of existing purchased lands.

More than 200 local officials were invited to join Mr. Kerrio and Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre at the ceremonies.

"We are moving another step closer to realizing our goal of a chain of parks that will preserve the natural beauty and historical significance of the Escarpment," Mr. Kerrio said.

Mr. Kerrio emphasized that land acquisitions will be made only as funds are available, and only where owners are willing to sell properties at appraised market values.

Since the late-1960s, approximately 33,600 hectares of land have been purchased for Escarpment parks by the province and other public agencies. The Niagara Escarpment parks system will reach from Fonthill, near St. Catharines, to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

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"The properties we require have been published on an acquisition list," Mr. Kerrio said. "This list may be examined at offices of the conservation authorities involved, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and some offices of the Ministry of Natural Resources."

Mr. Kerrio said the current acquisition program is under way: "We are off to a good start. Not only have four properties been acquired, our very first acquisition -- 15 hectares of land to add to the Dundas Valley Conservation Area near Hamilton -- was actually donated to the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority by its owners."

Approximately 700 landowners will be contacted this month by their local conservation authorities or MNR district offices to determine their interest in selling their properties.

The Niagara Escarpment Plan was adopted by the province under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act on June 12, 1985.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is co-ordinating the land acquisition program. The Ontario Heritage Foundation is handling administration of acquisition funds, which come from the Niagara Escarpment Trust Fund.

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EDITORS: A list of MNR district offices, conservation authorities and the Bruce Trail Association is attached.

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ONTARIO SCHOOLCHILDREN LEARN
HOW TO HELP WILDLIFE
DURING NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

April 4, 1986

Schoolchildren across Ontario will be learning how they can help wildlife during National Wildlife Week, April 6 to 12.

"This year's theme is 'Together We Can Help Wildlife'," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "This week is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to learn how they can help care for wildlife."

Wildlife experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources will visit classrooms throughout Ontario during the week. During National Wildlife Week last year, ministry staff made 25,000 visits and other contacts with schools.

The ministry is also distributing special wildlife education kits to teachers of Grades 4, 5 and 6.

The theme "Together We Can Help Wildlife" is stressed in the teachers' education kits, which include lesson plans, posters and resource materials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Kerrio said that protecting and improving habitat is an important part of helping wildlife flourish.

"More and more people are taking an active role in habitat improvement projects," Mr. Kerrio said. "For example, children involved in scouting groups have gotten together to build bird nesting boxes."

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"This ministry sponsors the Community Wildlife Involvement Program, providing funds and equipment so volunteers can work on a chosen project which will benefit wildlife habitat. I hope more schoolchildren and youth groups will become involved in these projects."

To kick off National Wildlife Week, Mr. Kerrio will meet with schoolchildren at Queen's Park in Toronto and unveil an interpretive plaque about the eastern grey squirrel -- a good example of urban wildlife.

National Wildlife Week, which began in 1947, is held during the week of April 10, the birthday of Canada's "Father of Conservation", Jack Miner. Mr. Miner, who died in 1944 at the age of 79, was one of the world's best known wildlife conservationists and was noted for his interest in Canada Geese.

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OUTDOOR COLUMNIST
JOHN POWER WINS
GREG CLARK AWARD

April 14, 1986

John Power, The Toronto Star outdoor columnist and freelance writer, has won the 1985 Greg Clark Outdoor Editorial Writing Award with an article about the mystery and value of wetlands. Swamp Secrets was published in the April 1985 issue of Legion magazine.

The award -- sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources -- is named for the late Greg Clark, a renowned Toronto journalist, humorist and story-teller for some 60 years.

The winning entry focuses on a small marsh Power frequently visited as a child. He tells how this private wetland gained him a love and respect for nature which he carried into adulthood.

Power's article talks about the importance of protecting wetlands: "Memories of my wonderful wetland lured me back some years later. To my everlasting chagrin, it was gone -- vanished without a trace."

He points out that "they (wetlands) are everyone's responsibility -- individuals, industry and government."

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"We in the ministry rely on fine writers like John Power to relay positive messages about conservation of Ontario's wetlands," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "We are committed to the preservation of our wetlands and are continuing a provincewide wetlands inventory to identify and protect these valuable areas."

Mary Mogford, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, will present the Greg Clark award to Power on April 17 at The Toronto Press Club. Power will also receive a cash award of \$500 and a miniature plaque engraved with his name. The winner's name is added to a larger plaque which is permanently displayed at the Club.

This year's award judges are Jack Davis, retired editor of Ontario Angler and Hunter magazine who is now media relations manager for Labatt's Fishing Series and the recently appointed executive director of Outdoor Writers of Canada; Ray Gilbert, executive director, Fur Institute of Canada; and Grant Mulholland, retired executive director of Outdoor Writers of Canada.

The Greg Clark Outdoor Editorial Writing Award is open to Canadian writers who have had a newspaper or magazine article about the Ontario outdoors published within the last year.

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EMPHASIS IS ON EDUCATION
DURING FOREST FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
APRIL 20 TO 26

Ontario's first provincially sponsored Forest Fire Prevention Week is April 20 to 26.

"The theme of this year's week is 'Forest Fire Prevention is You' and this theme of personal responsibility will be emphasized throughout the campaign," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"Seven out of 10 forest fires in Ontario are caused by people. That means seven out of 10 fires can be prevented."

To heighten public awareness of forest fire prevention, the Ministry of Natural Resources is conducting an education blitz in the media, in schools, and in the ministry's district offices.

Newspapers will publish features on forest fire prevention, and many municipalities in Ontario will mark the occasion by proclaiming Forest Fire Prevention Week.

The ministry is expanding its northern Ontario school education program to include some southern schools, and will sponsor poem and poster contests in schools.

Open houses will be held at ministry district offices, at the five regional fire centres in Timmins, Dryden, Thunder Bay, Sudbury and Huntsville, and at the Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

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"Forest industries are directly responsible for 80,000 jobs in Ontario, and another 80,000 indirectly," Mr. Kerrio said. "That means wildfires take a heavy toll from the province's economy and can be devastating to the forest products and tourism industries.

"There are also the intangible costs of destroyed recreational opportunities, of natural beauty lost, and of habitat for wildlife.

"And finally, there's the direct cost of combatting forest fires -- each year, the province spends at least \$35-million fighting fires," Mr. Kerrio said.

He said the American states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin are holding Wildfire Prevention Week at the same time.

"Forest fire prevention is taking on an international flavor as governments recognize the need for education about the forest resource," said Mr. Kerrio.

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April 17, 1986

FORESTRY COUNCIL TO ASSUME
CO-ORDINATION OF FOREST RESEARCH
IN ONTARIO

In the future, all forestry research in Ontario will be co-ordinated through one group in which the federal and provincial governments, universities and major forest products companies have a voice.

Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry) and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today that the Ontario Forestry Council will assume the co-ordinating role as soon as it reviews the relevance and economic benefits of all research now under way across the province.

Mr. Kerrio said he has approved this recommendation by the council, adding that the move is endorsed by the companies, universities and federal government.

The Ontario Forestry Council, whose 10 members represent government, universities and industry, was established in October 1984 to recommend priorities and funding for forest research.

Council members recently recommended that one co-ordinating body take charge after a survey of 14 forest products companies showed support for a shared program to tackle high priority common concerns. The Ontario Forestry Council will work closely with existing advisory bodies already established by the provincial and federal governments.

Approximately \$16-million is spent each year in Ontario by a number of agencies involved in forest research.

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"To be cost-effective, research must be co-ordinated," said Mr. Merrithew. "The best way to achieve that, while being responsive to the needs of all sectors, is to let a single group assume the co-ordination."

"Forest management has become huge and complex, and we need a single group that can focus sharply on the research required and take a leadership role to avoid unnecessary duplication," Mr. Kerrio said.

As a first step, council members will examine all research being carried out by federal and provincial forest research institutions (particularly the Great Lakes Forestry Centre and Ontario Tree Improvement and Forest Biomass Institute), universities and industry in Ontario.

The membership of the council has also been expanded to include the associate deputy minister of the Canadian Forestry Service and the deputy minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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ONTARIO FORESTRY RESEARCH

- o The Ontario Forestry Council was established in 1984 by the provincial government to recommend priorities and funding for forest research.
- o Approximately \$16-million is spent in Ontario every year on forestry research by the federal and provincial governments, universities and, to some extent, industry.
- o Forestry research projects include everything from genetic studies in cell tissue culture to searching for better ways to grow seedlings in nurseries to the improvement of existing forests.
- o The research is carried out without full co-ordination between agencies. In some cases, this could result in duplication and overlapping of efforts.
- o Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio accepted a recommendation of the Ontario Forestry Council that some process be established to co-ordinate research so that funds are used more efficiently, with greater benefit for all concerned.
- o In its new role, the council will be a co-ordinator of research in Ontario, rather than an advisor.
- o As co-ordinator, the council, through a working committee, will ask research "users" where they believe research and development funds should be spent first in the general areas of tree improvement, seed and stock production, regeneration, tending, protection and stand improvement.
- o The "doers" of research will also be questioned about what forest technologies are needed most and where, and to what degree expertise in these subjects exists now in the province.
- o This information will be used by the working committee to create a schedule of research projects to be tackled by Ontario's forest research groups. Completing this assignment is expected to take two months.

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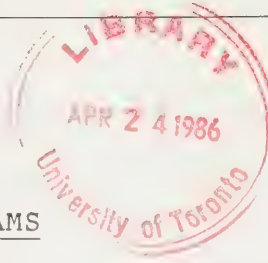
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COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
TO REVIEW SHORELINE
RELIEF AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

A committee to study long-term solutions for shoreline management along the Great Lakes has been appointed by an order-in-council, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre announced today.

The seven members named to the Shoreline Management Review Committee include representatives from provincial and municipal governments as well as the general public.

"We can't control extreme water level fluctuations in the Great Lakes, but we can work to minimize potential damage to shoreline homes and properties," said Mr. Kerrio. "This committee will examine and make recommendations on options for long-term shoreline management, as well as look at the roles and responsibilities of the various levels of government and of private landowners."

"The committee will look at the roles of private and public sector in solving existing problems, preventing new ones, and providing emergency assistance in combatting flood and erosion problems," Mr. Kerrio said.

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"This could entail determining how remedial works should be planned to solve existing problems in built-up areas, and how better land use planning can help avoid new problems."

The committee is chaired by James McGuigan, MPP for Kent-Elgin and Parliamentary Assistant to Mr. Kerrio.

The other members of the committee are Gord Miller, MPP for Haldimand-Norfolk; Roger Vermeulen, a councillor for the township of Delhi; Ray Lavereau, reeve of the village of Port Stanley; Shannon Olson of Woodslee, vice-chairman of the Essex Region Conservation Authority; John Plyley of Stevensville, a real estate sales representative; and Reid Kreutzwiser, Associate Professor at the University of Guelph, who has technical expertise in this field.

"The extensive damage caused by high water levels over the past year -- especially along Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and southern Lake Huron -- has shown us that short-term relief measures aren't enough," said Mr. Grandmaitre. "We need to find ways to prevent this type of damage from recurring".

The committee will hold a minimum of 12 public meetings this summer in communities along the Great Lakes shoreline in Ontario. The meetings will allow members of the public who are directly affected by high water levels to make their concerns and suggestions known.

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It is anticipated that meetings will be held in Kingston, Toronto, Wainfleet, Port Dover, Blenheim, Kingsville, Windsor, Sarnia, Goderich, Collingwood, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay. Dates for these meetings will be announced within a few weeks.

A report will be prepared by the committee and submitted to Mr. Kerrio and Mr. Grandmaitre in November 1986.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATION
TO END WHOLE PARK CONTRACTING

Contracting of Ontario provincial park operations to private operators will be phased out, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"I have accepted a recommendation by the Provincial Parks Council to end the contracting out of whole provincial park operations," Mr. Kerrio said.

"That recommendation was made after a series of public meetings was held across the province. At those meetings the people of Ontario clearly indicated that the operation of provincial parks should be handled directly by my ministry."

Mr. Kerrio said service contracts for work such as garbage collection and grass mowing will continue, and guidelines will be developed to govern these contracts.

The contracting of individual concessions, such as food and outfitting, is already governed by specific procedures, and these contracts will continue.

Mr. Kerrio said that existing contracts for whole park operations will be allowed to run their full terms, but will not be renewed. The last contract ends in 1994.

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The ministry began contracting out small, recreation-class provincial parks in 1976 as part of an effort to involve the private sector in delivering public services offered in parks. Four of the original 18 contracts expired in 1985, and operation of these parks will be resumed by MNR this year.

In 1985, the Provincial Parks Council was asked to examine people's views about parks services, including contracting out. The Council is a citizens' advisory committee which reports directly to the Minister on parks issues.

Public meetings were held late last year in Toronto, London, Kingston, Fort Frances, Thunder Bay and Sudbury.

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ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SETS DATE FOR 1986 FOREST PROTECTION
PROGRAM AGAINST BUDWORM AND GYPSY MOTH

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has announced its 1986 aerial spray program will begin on or about May 18 against spruce and jack pine budworms in northern Ontario, and the gypsy moth in eastern Ontario.

The ministry will spray the biological insecticide Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*). All spraying and treatment will conform to all federal and provincial government application standards. Only federally registered and provincially approved (Ministry of the Environment) materials will be used.

For more information regarding the spraying program in eastern Ontario, call the MNR Tweed District Office at (613) 478-2330. In northern Ontario, contact your local district office of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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WALTER L. PLONSKI FOREST
DEDICATION CEREMONY
SALUTES ONTARIO FORESTRY PIONEER

Dr. Walter L. Plonski, Ontario's "father of forestry management" received a fitting honor today -- a forest 50 kilometres south of Kirkland Lake was named after him.

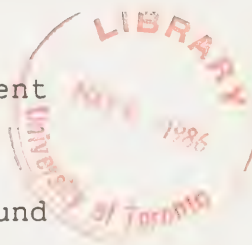
"This forest -- The Walter L. Plonski Forest -- is where Dr. Plonski first demonstrated the principles of forest management 25 years ago. His methods are still practised today," Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today at the dedication ceremony.

The Minister presented Dr. Plonski with a leather-bound copy of the ministry's prescribed management plan for the area. It outlines how the forest will be tended until 1998.

Dr. Plonski, now 85 years old, was a forester with the Department of Lands and Forests (now the Ministry of Natural Resources) from 1948 to 1970.

"Dr. Plonski's research and techniques took forest management from primitive beginnings to an exacting science. His manual of forestry planning is still the basis for today's timber management plans," Mr. Kerrio said.

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"Forest management has been continually evolving since these techniques were defined. Today, our forests are at a turning point. Public interest and involvement in forestry has never been greater," Mr. Kerrio said. "We are planning today for the forests of tomorrow. Through a system of public review and comment, we hope all Ontarians will be involved in making those decisions."

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May 7, 1986

INCREASED FUNDING
FOR GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING
WILL PROTECT MORE PROPERTIES

The Ontario government has increased its allocation for the 1986 budworm and gypsy moth forest protection program to a total of \$27.5-million, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today. The funds, approved by Cabinet, will be used to combat infestations of spruce budworm, jack pine budworm and gypsy moth.

"These additional funds will allow us to virtually double the budget for this year's gypsy moth spraying program in eastern Ontario -- to \$11.5-million," Mr. Kerrio said. "This year's spraying program is three times larger than any the province has previously undertaken, and reflects the serious concern of this government at the increasing spread of these pests."

Spraying for gypsy moth with a biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt, is set to begin about May 18.

Infestations of spruce budworm are expected to continue throughout the north. The spruce budworm infested 12.3-million hectares in 1985.

Jack pine budworm is prevalent in MNR's northern, northwestern and northeastern regions, where 3.67-million hectares were damaged.

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A total of 55,000 hectares of private land will be sprayed with Bt in the gypsy moth program. About 30,000 hectares of Crown land will also be sprayed.

Mr. Kerrio said the Ministry had worked with local governments in the nine eastern Ontario counties-- where infestations are greatest -- to devise and fund a plan that will see substantially more private land being sprayed to protect it from damage caused by gypsy moth caterpillars.

The nine counties involved with MNR in the gypsy moth program include Frontenac, Peterborough, Renfrew, Hastings, Leeds & Grenville, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington and Lanark.

Gypsy moth moved into the province from the eastern United States in 1969. The first major damage caused by the pests was in 1981, when moderate to severe damage was recorded on 1,000 hectares. In 1985, that damage was estimated at 246,000 hectares.

"Private land is the first priority in the aerial spraying program. Because of the co-operation of the counties involved, this program has been substantially increased and as a result, 61 per cent of the private landowners who applied to join this program will have their properties sprayed," Mr. Kerrio said.

"The properties selected for the spraying program were chosen so that maximum benefits would be given to the largest number of landowners. Large blocks of land, where adjacent neighbors had applied for the program, were given first priority.

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"However, some smaller, scattered, more isolated properties where adjacent neighbors are not participating in the spraying program could not be accommodated. To try to spray a small, single property in isolation is not possible in a program of this size," Mr. Kerrio said.

"The gypsy moth is established in such an expansive area that it is operationally impossible to eradicate the pest. The spraying program can, however, protect some of the forests from defoliation, and retard the rate at which the pest is spreading," said Mr. Kerrio.

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May 9, 1986

NEW FEATURES AND FACILITIES
AWAIT SUMMER VISITORS
TO ONTARIO PROVINCIAL PARKS

Vacationers can expect some new features and attractions in Ontario's 220 provincial parks this year.

"Access to natural attractions -- like Ouimet Canyon -- and other facilities have been improved in several of our northern parks," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

"In the south, Indian rock carvings at Petroglyphs are now protected by a specially designed building, and at Bon Echo, platforms provide visitors with an unparalleled panoramic view of Mazinaw Lake."

The improvements are just in time for the unofficial opening of the parks season on the Victoria Day long weekend.

Parks officials expect 1986 visitor numbers will be well over the 7.5 million people mark set last year.

To get the parks season off to a quiet start for vacationing families, the traditional alcohol ban will also be in effect from May 9 to May 19 at these 19 parks: Arrowhead, Awenda, Balsam Lake, Bass Lake, Bon Echo, Darlington, Earl Rowe, Emily, Ferris, Fitzroy, Killbear, McRae Point, Presqu'ile, Rideau River, Sandbanks, Serpent Mounds, Sibbald Point, Silver Lake, and Six Mile Lake.

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May 9, 1986

POLICY TO PROTECT MINERAL AGGREGATES
WILL BE FIRST POLICY STATEMENT
UNDER NEW PLANNING ACT

A policy to protect Ontario's mineral aggregate resources will be the first of a number of policy statements to be brought under the provincial Planning Act, 1983.

The Mineral Aggregate Resource Policy Statement (MARPS) was developed jointly by the Ministries of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs, with full public consultation.

"Aggregates -- sand, gravel and crushed stone -- require careful planning because they are a non-renewable resource," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today. "This policy statement takes into consideration the need to ensure long-term availability of aggregates and, at the same time, aims to protect local residents and the environment from adverse effects of extraction."

The 1982 Mineral Aggregate Resource Planning Policy -- which has been publicly available since February 1983 -- underwent another round of full and formal public review. In early 1984, input was invited from other ministries, municipalities, municipal organizations, concerned groups, industry and individuals.

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"We were very pleased with the public response received regarding the policy," Mr. Kerrio said. "We found the suggestions extremely useful and have incorporated many of the suggestions received into the statement. The result has been an updated, more flexible policy that is better suited to the needs of today's municipalities and industry."

Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre said: "The flexibility in the new policy is an important benefit for municipalities. It means that municipalities should not have to amend approved planning documents or those in the process of approval to meet the requirements of the aggregate policy statement."

Mr. Grandmaitre also noted that provincial policy statements issued under the Planning Act deal with a wide variety of matters, including mineral aggregate resources, foodland preservation and the Niagara Escarpment.

"It is important to understand that no single policy statement takes precedence over another. Rather, they are designed to be implemented in conjunction with each other and in the context of municipal planning," he said.

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The demand for aggregates for all types of construction and roads in Ontario is currently about 120 million tonnes a year -- about 14 tonnes for every person in the province.

"It is in the best interest for everyone in the province to meet the demand for aggregates to make sure we can maintain supplies at reasonable cost for future development," Mr. Kerrio said.

The policy also requires that consideration be given to the rehabilitation of extracted land to other uses such as agriculture, forestry, recreation or housing.

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EDITORS: Please note a background paper on Provincial Policy Statements is attached.

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BACKGROUND -- Provincial Policy Statements

Under the Planning Act, the Province may issue policy statements on matters affecting land use planning, such as the protection of agricultural lands.

Policy statements are formal public expressions of the Province's interest in planning matters, that extend beyond local municipal boundaries. In addition to the Mineral Aggregate Resources policy, other statements are proposed to deal with foodland preservation, adverse environmental influences such as noise, and protection in areas subject to flooding. These statements are designed to provide a broad provincial framework within which municipalities will set out their own planning objectives in official plans and zoning by-laws.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs, or the Minister, together with any other Minister of the Crown, may from time to time issue such policy statements once they have been approved by Cabinet.

However, before a policy statement is released, the Planning Act requires that the Minister consult with municipal, provincial, federal or other officials and bodies or persons as the Minister considers have an interest in the proposed statement. The proposed Foodland Preservation policy statement, for example, is currently under review by Ontario municipalities and other interested parties, as part of the required public consultation process.

The Act also requires that an approved policy statement be published in the Ontario Gazette and that notice of publication be sent to all members of the Ontario Legislature, all municipalities and to such other agencies, organizations or persons considered to have an interest in the statement.

Each municipality that receives notice of a policy statement shall, in turn, give notice of the statement to each local board of the municipality that it considers has an interest in it.

In exercising any authority that affects any planning matter, the councils of every municipality, local boards, provincial ministries, agencies, commissions, boards, Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Municipal Board must have regard to these provincial policy statements when carrying out their responsibilities.

In considering approved policy statements, municipalities and other planning bodies must now decide, given local circumstances, how the Province's stated policy objectives can reasonably be reflected in local planning decisions and policies.

The provincial policy statement on mineral aggregates released today is the first to be approved under the Planning Act.



May 14, 1986

NEW MNR FISH REARING FACILITY
WILL HELP RESTORE TRADITIONAL
WHITEFISH POPULATIONS IN LAKE SIMCOE

The construction of a fish rearing facility at White Lake near Perth has enabled the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to step up its efforts to restore the once-plentiful whitefish populations in Lake Simcoe.

"Our plan to build a fish rearing facility adjacent to Lake Simcoe has been delayed until a site with a suitable water supply can be found," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today. "In the meantime, we have constructed an interim facility at the White Lake Fish Hatchery to ensure a continuing supply of whitefish stock for Lake Simcoe."

In conjunction with the whitefish program, MNR is working on a joint project with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to improve water quality in the lake over the long term.

The ministry began stocking whitefish in Lake Simcoe in 1982 after successful techniques to hatch and raise the fish to the yearling stage were developed at the Glenora Research Station near Picton. Since then, between 15,000 and 30,000 whitefish, hatched at Glenora and raised at Chatsworth Fish Culture Station, have been stocked annually in Lake Simcoe as part of an experimental project.

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The new facility at White Lake will allow an increased production of up to 150,000 whitefish yearlings annually using the same techniques. The first stocking in Lake Simcoe of whitefish hatched and reared at White Lake is planned for the spring of 1987, one year ahead of the original schedule of increased stocking.

"The results of the stocking program to date have been very encouraging," Mr. Kerrio said. "This past winter, more than 80 specially marked whitefish were turned in by anglers for examination by ministry biologists. The stocked fish are growing well with some from the 1982 plant weighing more than a kilogram."

The \$350,000 White Lake facility will also enable the ministry to further test the new rearing technology, refine cost-effective production methods for the full-scale permanent facility at Lake Simcoe, and initiate the establishment of brood stocks.

When the Lake Simcoe facility is built, some of the equipment and most of the rearing units now being used will be transferred, and the White Lake facility will be adapted for lake trout rearing.

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May 14, 1986

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ANNOUNCES PROJECT TO TEST
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TO MAPPING

The Ministry of Natural Resources will undertake a two-year \$4.2-million per year project to test how computer recorded information can be applied to upgrade Ontario's mapping system.

More than half of this funding -- \$2.2-million -- will come from the existing Ontario Basic Mapping program. The remaining \$2-million will come from the government's Technology Opportunity Fund for new initiatives.

"Our society is experiencing a trend toward the more frequent use of computers to record and exchange information," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the Legislature today. "Nowhere is this more evident than in the rapidly emerging computer mapping industry."

Mr. Kerrio said that this computer mapping project will build upon the Ontario Basic Mapping System, and the computerized georeferencing system which is now used to identify land related information in a common format.

Mr. Kerrio stressed that this system builds on the government's commitment to increasing technology development and the export potential of computer mapping in Ontario.

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The new computer system will offer many benefits, once it is implemented. It will mean that a user has a common reference base for a variety of information, and that one piece of information can be overlayed on another for comparisons. This will simplify and improve decision making in everything from assessing forestry plans to deploying ambulances.

"The system will also have tremendous economic impact," Mr. Kerrio said. "The Ontario mapping industry will take a leading role in Canadian and international markets, and new overseas and U.S. markets will emerge."

Approximately 135 to 200 high-technology jobs will be created in Ontario, with the potential of 250 or more jobs for Ontarians in Canadian and overseas markets.

Mr. Kerrio said before this is achieved, the system will undergo testing for two years to assess its capabilities. A market analysis will also be conducted during this time. At the end of the test period, recommendations will be made for implementing the system provincewide.

Testing will begin by gathering land related information in digital form. Every year for the next two years, some 600 computerized Ontario Basic Maps, on selected northern areas, will be produced.

"We will be contracting the production of these maps to the Ontario mapping industry," Mr. Kerrio said. "This industry has become very skilled in computer mapping techniques over the last several years."

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May 16, 1986

MINISTRY PROVIDES
TOLL-FREE LINE FOR INFORMATION
ON GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING PROGRAM

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has a toll-free number for people seeking up-to-date information on gypsy moth spraying in eastern Ontario.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today that the number -- 1-800-267-0551 -- will offer a recorded message advising which areas have been sprayed in the past 24 hours, and which will be sprayed in the following 24 hours. The recording will be updated every morning.

Factors such as the weather have an impact on the spraying program, making it difficult to pinpoint when particular lands will be sprayed.

A total of 55,000 hectares of private land in eastern Ontario will be sprayed this year with the biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt. About 30,000 hectares of Crown land will also be sprayed in the gypsy moth program.

The nine counties in eastern Ontario involved with MNR in the gypsy moth program include Frontenac, Peterborough, Renfrew, Hastings, Leeds & Grenville, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, and Lanark.

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ONTARIO SENDS WATER BOMBERS
AND EQUIPMENT TO AID
NEW BRUNSWICK FIREFIGHTERS

Ontario sent two CL-215 water bombers and two bird dog aircraft to New Brunswick last Thursday and Friday to help fight forest fires that have recently swept across that province.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio also announced that 400 shovels, 200 back pack water pumps and 75 power pumps were sent to the area Monday morning.

The aircraft and equipment were dispatched from the ministry's Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

Each CL-215, which carries nearly 5,500 litres of water, averaged 40 drops per day. The water bombers were limited by the 30 kilometre distance between the water source at the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the fires.

"All of the provinces and territories are members of the Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement," Mr. Kerrio said.

"When New Brunswick placed the request for assistance through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) in Winnipeg, Ontario responded immediately."

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As of Tuesday morning, there were 36 fires burning in New Brunswick, and the province was experiencing cooler weather and showers. As a result, the aircraft will return to Ontario late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

In Ontario, the number of forest fires has been below average. There are currently 10 active fires across the province. All are reported as small and under control.

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ONTARIO DISPLAYS TECHNOLOGY
TO 2,000 SURVEYORS
AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Ontario's advances in developing high technology information systems will be featured before 2,000 delegates from around the world at the International Federation of Surveyors conference meeting in Toronto June 1 to 11.

"This conference on information-gathering is an ideal opportunity to show the world Ontario is leading the way in computerized information systems," Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"We are rapidly moving from an industrial-based to an information-based society.

"One of the ways the Ministry of Natural Resources is assisting in this transformation is through our responsibilities for surveying and mapping Ontario."

Mr. Kerrio said MNR is working in co-operation with other ministries and with private sector partners to develop technology for production of computerized maps.

To test this technology, MNR has allocated \$8.4-million over the next two years to determine how computer-recorded information can be applied to upgrade the present mapping system.

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Mr. Kerrio will deliver a key-note address on computerized mapping techniques at the opening of the technical sessions of the conference on June 2.

The province is also putting on an exhibit on the theme "Ontario: Progress through Technology". The display describes the evolution of surveying in Ontario and the roles of government and private business in developing modern surveying technology.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Ministries of Natural Resources, Consumer and Commercial Relations, Transportation and Communications, and Municipal Affairs, as well as the Trillium Data Group Limited. The Trillium group represents all of Ontario's aerial mapping companies involved in computerized mapping.

The International Federation of Surveyors meets every three or four years. This year's congress, at which 300 technical reports will be presented, is meeting at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

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EDITORS: Please note a background sheet is attached.

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MEDIA BACKGROUND

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June 1 - 11, 1986

Sheraton Centre

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Speakers-of-note include:

- Dr. Larkin Kerwin, president of the National Research Council of Canada, a renowned physicist, will open the Congress between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., on Monday, June 2, at Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.
- Hon. Vincent Kerrio, Minister of Natural Resources, Province of Ontario, will open the Technical Sessions of the Congress, 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 2, at the Sheraton Centre.
- Stephen Lewis, Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations, will address the Canadian Institute of Surveying at the annual luncheon at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 6, in the Commonwealth Ballroom of the downtown Holiday Inn, 89 Chestnut St.

<u>Paper Number</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Subject</u>
308.2	R.A. Smith	<u>Metropolitan Toronto's Information Centre</u> provides a map-based, computerized library service for six area municipalities. The system is of special use to planners, road, bridge and utilities engineers, appraisers and administrators who need details about conditions, buildings, sewers, water systems, transportation facilities, administrative and voting boundaries, values and special events.
806.3	J. Collins	<u>The Global Positioning System (GPS)</u> is a military navigation system which by 1990 will consist of 18 satellites. The seven operating satellites provide accurate positions on the earth's surface for all types of surveying (i.e. land-use, soil and vegetation mapping). Low-cost receivers will be able to tap into this system.
P103.2	Walfgang Kioscha	<u>The Dortmund Museum Catalogue on Historical Surveying Instruments</u> displays historic instruments used over past centuries for measuring distances, angles and altitudes, to survey the dimension of the earth, of territories and real estate, allowing surveyors to calculate co-ordinates and areas, delineate plans and maps and lay out positions for buildings and roads.
709.5	Michael Dillon	<u>Rural land development and consolidation in Canada</u> outlines the growth of free-hold agricultural land with the use of mass-production machinery. Canadian farming is traced from the Second World War, including relationship between rural and urban communities, agricultural, conservation, residential and industrial concerns and controls levied by various levels of government.
908.1	G. Noren	<u>Computer-assisted real estate management</u> compiles data on available land, utilities, residential and industrial concerns, legislation and raw materials, which will help companies develop competitive strategies.



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TWO MNR EMPLOYEES
SUSPENDED DURING INVESTIGATION
INTO TAXIDERMY PRACTICES

Two Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources employees have been suspended following an investigation by MNR conservation officers, the RCMP and the Canadian Wildlife Service into the illegal possession and sale of provincial game and migratory birds.

"The investigation, initiated by MNR, is scrutinizing the practices of some taxidermists and their sources of supply of migratory birds and game which have been mounted and then sold throughout Ontario," said Steve Toole, MNR's Atikokan district manager.

Toole said the investigation began six weeks ago following queries from U.S. wildlife officers about alleged illegal exportation and sales of mounted game birds to Minnesota from the Atikokan area.

The investigation is continuing and it is expected that charges will be laid under the Game and Fish Act of Ontario, the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Game Export Act of Canada, Toole said.

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS
RECEIVE ONTARIO GRANTS
FOR 35 RESOURCE PROJECTS

How is acid rain and snow affecting fish in Muskoka lakes? What is the snapping turtle population in Ontario? What is the value of wetlands in southern Ontario?

These questions and others will be addressed by 35 research projects that will receive funding this year from the Ontario Renewable Resources Research Grants Program. Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today that researchers at 10 Ontario universities and the Royal Ontario Museum will receive a total of \$571,769 in grants from the ministry-funded program.

Fifteen of the projects are new this year, while the other 20 started last year. The new projects will be conducted by researchers affiliated with the Royal Ontario Museum and the following universities: Brock, Guelph, Lakehead, Laurentian, Queen's, Toronto, Waterloo, and Western. The other 20 projects involve the same universities in addition to McMaster and York universities.

"This program promotes practical results-oriented research by highly-qualified scientists," Mr. Kerrio said.

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In an ongoing project, researchers are examining about 50 lakes in the Muskoka region for the effects of acidification on fish populations.

In one of the new projects, researchers will try to determine the number of snapping turtles in various parts of Ontario. The work should lead to recommendations on managing this species

Researchers are continuing this year to determine the benefits and costs of preserving the Lake St. Clair marshes in Dover Township and Kent County. The outcome will explain what society gains from wetland preservation, and what it must pay in order to save a unique environment from irreversible loss.

"All of these research projects are extremely important, because they're trying to find ways to improve Ontario's forests, fisheries, wildlife and other renewable natural resources," Mr. Kerrio said. "This work directly benefits my ministry's efforts to manage Ontario's natural resources wisely."

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ONTARIO RENEWABLE RESOURCE

RESEARCH FUND APPROVED PROJECTS

University of Guelph (10 projects)

Dr. George A. Bubenik (Department of Zoology): To determine a method of estimating the physical condition of deer by examining blood characteristics and physical features. Grant total: \$27,000.

Drs. George G. Hofstra and Greg Boland (Department of Environmental Biology): To establish whether toxin-producing fungi cause growth abnormalities in spruce and pine seedlings. If this is the case, a followup study would investigate means of controlling the fungi and alleviating the problem. Grant total: \$11,000.

Dr. Richard J. Reader (Department of Botany): To study the effects of forestry management practices on regeneration and diversity in the southern Ontario hardwood forest region. This should lead to forestry techniques which help to protect rare, threatened and endangered plant species. Grant total: \$12,000.

Dr. Thomas D. Nudds (Department of Zoology): To evaluate the time and energy deer spend feeding on natural and artificial feed. To determine if deer require a supplemental feed in winter or whether they can rely on stored body fat. Grant total: \$8,000.

Dr. Willem van Vuuren (School of Agricultural Economics and Extension Education): To investigate the conflict between draining wetlands for agriculture and preserving them in their natural state. The project involves a cost-benefit analysis of wetland preservation. Grant total: \$5,000.

Dr. David L.G. Noakes (Department of Zoology): To determine the effect of density, light levels and temperature when rearing trout in ponds. Grant total: \$12,570.

Dr. Ian McMillan (Department of Animal and Poultry Science): To monitor crosses of brown trout and brook trout in the hatchery for early survival rates and growth to determine their potential for use in aquaculture. Grant total: \$18,828.

Dr. Ronald Brooks (Department of Zoology): To determine populations of snapping turtles in various parts of the province and to provide recommendations for the management of the species. Data may be used to establish harvesting guidelines. Grant total: \$15,000.

Dr. Hugh R. MacCrimmon (Department of Zoology): To study brook trout and brown trout habitat requirements from their emergence from eggs to full fingerlings during the critical five month period of their life from May to September. The field and laboratory studies will provide guidelines for assessment and enhancement of nursery sites in southern Ontario streams. Grant total: \$15,000.

Dr. Bill Beamish (Department of Zoology): To study several lake trout lakes in northwestern Ontario with cisco populations of substantially different sizes to determine the relationship between lake trout growth, size, age and the abundance of various cisco size classes in the lake trout's summer diet and environment. Grant total: \$23,945.

University of Toronto (eight projects)

Dr. Frank C. Lozano (Faculty of Forestry): To determine fertilizer requirements of black spruce and white spruce seedlings through chemical analysis of foliage and calculating seedling irregularities. The results should help the ministry determine fertilizer requirements in seed orchards. Grant total: \$20,000.

Dr. Louis Zsuffa (Faculty of Forestry): To conduct a genetic evaluation of cottonwood (poplar) clones in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources' fast growing hardwoods program. Grant total: \$15,000.

Dr. Harold Harvey (Department of Zoology): To examine about 50 lakes in the Muskoka region for the effects of acidification on fish populations. Grant total: \$19,180.

Dr. J. Bruce Falls (Department of Zoology): To study small animal populations in Algonquin Park to determine which mammals are the most abundant in Ontario forests. The results will be used by the ministry to manage marten and fisher populations. Grant total: \$8,500.

Dr. Victor Timmer (Faculty of Forestry): To develop quality control standards for horticultural peat, the major component of greenhouse soil mixes. Grant total: \$37,000.

Dr. Henry A. Regier (Department of Zoology): To find ways to improve fish habitat -- and eventually sport fishing -- in severely depleted areas of Lake Ontario such as the Toronto Harbor and Burlington Bay. Grant total: \$23,052.

Dr. W. Gary Sprules (Department of Zoology): To predict fish production at various depths by noting the characteristics of plankton in deep and shallow lakes in southern and south central Ontario. Grant total: \$23,000.

Dr. Pamela Stokes (Institute for Environmental Studies): To survey 25 to 35 important trout and bass lakes in Muskoka and Algonquin Park to determine if mercury in crayfish -- an important food item for fish -- affects fish populations, and how it relates to environmental factors. Field testing will be done to investigate several sources of mercury contamination for crayfish. Grant total: \$16,000.

Lakehead University (six projects):

Dr. William H. Baarschers (Department of Chemistry): To study the interaction of the herbicide triclopyr (Garlon) with micro-organisms. This herbicide is of interest to the ministry because it is cheaper than some others and is more effective in some applications. However, it is not yet registered for use in forestry operations. Results will include specific information on the environmental impact of triclopyr. Grant total: \$11,000.

Professor Robert J. Day (School of Forestry): To develop more efficient root regeneration techniques by preparing white spruce transplants by root pruning and root conditioning for storage over winter. Grant total: \$11,125.

Professor Robert J. Day (School of Forestry): To grow, monitor and plant jack pine container stock and develop methods of measuring root regeneration potential. Grant total: \$18,850.

Dr. Murray W. Lankester (Department of Biology): To study the effects of parasites on woodland caribou at Kakabeka Falls, and on the Slate Islands (Lake Superior). Grant total: \$13,500.

Dr. Harold Cumming (School of Forestry): To determine how extensively forested corridors, written into forest management agreements, are used by moose by mapping moose tracks in winter, conducting spring browse surveys and doing spring and fall pellet counts. Grant total: \$12,010.

Dr. Harold Cumming (School of Forestry): To conduct spring browse surveys and spring and fall pellet group counts by winter flights to determine whether moose browse in or avoid chemically treated areas near Thunder Bay. Grant total: \$22,500.

University of Waterloo (three projects)

Dr. Erwin B. Dumbroff (Department of Biology): To produce drought-hardy nursery stock, thereby reducing losses caused by the short but frequent summer droughts common to many planting sites. Grant total: \$11,500.

Dr. Greg Michalenko (Department of Man-Environment Studies): To complete a comprehensive study of wildlife and natural resource harvesting in the remote northern native community of Muskrat Dam. It will develop a methodology for assessing harvesting and resource use, determine local harvest levels and establish the extent and value of the aboriginal domestic economy. Grant total: \$10,000.

Dr. Raymond L. Legge (Department of Chemical Engineering): To study how an anti-stress process in plants called ethylene biosynthesis mediates stress-related damage in three important species -- white spruce, black spruce and jack pine. Grant total: \$12,000.

McMaster University

Drs. Christopher M. Wood and David G. McDonald (Department of Biology): To develop and validate a method for determining the presence and degree of acid/aluminum stress in early life stages of fish by neutron activation analysis. Grant total: \$4,000.

York University

Dr. Donald J. McQueen (Department of Biology): To test, in a two-year study, the hypothesis that walleye can be successfully reared from fry to fingerlings in small vinyl enclosures known as limnocorrals. The enclosures allow researchers to control food and predators, predict yield and weight-at-age, and release without handling. The studies should benefit the ministry's recent initiatives in walleye culture and management. Grant total: \$20,000.

Queen's University

Dr. Laureen Snider (Department of Sociology): To investigate attitudes on wildlife law enforcement by interviewing rural residents, township officials, and conservation officers and deputies in the Brockville, Napanee and Tweed areas. Also, to design more efficient enforcement procedures which will build upon the values and beliefs of all the groups involved. Grant total: \$20,000.

The University of Western Ontario

Dr. Miles Keenleyside (Department of Zoology): To study reproductive behavior and ecology of pink salmon in several sites in the Great Lakes. Ministry staff need relevant information concerning the life history, behavioral characteristics, and inter-species interactions of the pink salmon. This species has expanded at a phenomenal rate in recent years. If it is to be managed effectively, more knowledge of its habits is needed. Grant total: \$33,905.

Brock University

Dr. Ralph D. Morris (Department of Biological Sciences): To determine why the numbers of Common Terns have declined along the Great Lakes in recent years. The various factors that influence breeding success at the Port Colborne Common Tern colony will be studied. Ring-billed gulls will be prevented from nesting on sections of the breakwall traditionally occupied by terns, the existing nesting area will be expanded, and courtship feeding rates and parental care behavior of peak and late nesting terns will be studied. Grant total: \$7,500.

Laurentian University

Dr. Glenn H. Parker (Department of Biology): To find regional differences in cadmium levels in deer between the mineral rich Fort Loring area (sensitive to acid rain) and Manitoulin Island (area rich in limestone, counteracting effects of acid rain). Analyses of body tissue/organ samples will be studied and fecal pellets will be assayed to assess cadmium levels present in regional herds and/or yards within the province. This work is being done to ensure that those who eat deer are not endangered by current cadmium levels. Grant total: \$9,000.

Royal Ontario Museum (two projects)

Dr. Ed J. Crossman: To study large predatory fish in central and western Ontario in order to determine how various bodies of water should be managed when predators are present. Grant total: \$31,304.

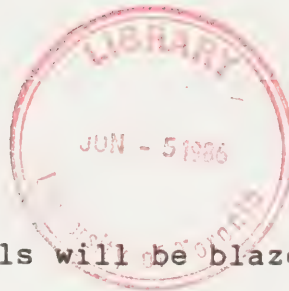
Dr. Allan J. Baker (Department of Ornithology): To use a highly-sophisticated new technique to determine the genetic composition of subspecies of Canada geese. The ensuing clarification of genetic stocks of geese in the province will complement current ministry banding programs and provide a valuable new tool for managing the geese. Grant total: \$13,500.



CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

June 3, 1986

33 JOBS CREATED
IN EASTERN ONTARIO BY
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



New hiking and ski trails will be blazed for recreational and educational uses in West Carleton Township thanks to a federal-provincial job creation program.

"Other projects included in the program for eastern Ontario include pruning and clearing jack pine stands to reduce fire hazard to cottage areas, preparing new publications for Bon Echo Provincial Park, and monitoring deer herds," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "Workers will also promote mineral development by preparing exploration data maps."

The employment program will provide 33 laid-off workers with a total of 360 work weeks in mining, forestry, parks and wildlife management projects in eastern Ontario. The cost of \$144,591 will be shared among the federal and Ontario governments and various sponsors.

"As well as retaining skilled workers in their communities, this employment program provides the means to complete a wide variety of worthwhile projects," said Flora MacDonald, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration.

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The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

"The mineral exploration mapping component of this program also benefits the mining industry as well as the grant recipients by ensuring valuable human resources are not lost because of an industry downturn," said Rene Fontaine, Ontario Minister of Northern Development and Mines.

The federal government provides workers with unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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EDITORS: Please note a list of individual projects is attached.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS FOR EASTERN ONTARIO

June 3, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Carleton Place	Wildlife	Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority	Determining the optimum levels that deer herds should be allowed to reach in certain regions. Surveying type and amount of deer browse, and possible disturbance caused by snowmobile and hiking trails in deer habitat.	7	84	33,548
Carleton Place	Forestry	Township of West Carleton	Planning and clearing ski and hiking trails for recreational and educational purposes. Improving forest stand quality and preventing fire hazards around cottage areas by pruning jack pine plantation.	13	130	46,178
Napanee	Parks	Land O'Lakes Tourist Association	Updating Bon Echo Provincial Park publications, and researching and documenting the park history. Also removing dangerous trees from hydro lines, constructing steps to a beach, replacing rotten timber at a duck viewing area and grooming snowmobile trails.	7	74	32,460
Tweed	Mines	Crowe Valley Conservation Authority	Promoting mineral development in eastern Ontario by logging core collected for storage in Tweed. Preparing maps indicating available exploration data filed at the Resident Geologist's office in Tweed.	6	72	32,405



June 4, 1986

NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS
TO GET INFORMATION ON
ACID RAIN NEXT YEAR

The Ontario government is preparing to mail thousands of acid rain information kits next year to American anglers who fill in mail-back postcards attached to their 1987 non-resident angling licences.

The program -- an idea put forth by the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain -- will be co-sponsored by the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources.

"Ontarians are concerned about what's happening," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "Now we want to enlist the support of a large group of friends who appreciate our resources as much as we do."

"All non-resident anglers who mail in their request will receive free the latest information from the Ministry of the Environment on acid rain -- from what it is to what it does," said Environment Minister James Bradley.

More than 600,000 non-resident anglers buy licences to fish in Ontario every year. Almost all are Americans who come from the northeastern and north central states where many industries that use soft coal fuel are located.

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The MOE estimates that up to 10,000 Ontario lakes now are being threatened by sulphur and nitrogen emissions that combine with water molecules at high altitudes to form acid rain or snow. Even the minute elevation of lake acid levels is enough to kill off fish populations and many other forms of aquatic life. Forests and woodlands are also threatened by airborne pollution.

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AWARDS \$4.2-MILLION CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR TARENTORUS FISH HATCHERY

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has awarded a contract of more than \$4-million to a Sault Ste. Marie contractor for the reconstruction of the Tarentorus Fish Culture Station near Sault Ste. Marie.

J.P. Pierman Construction Limited, one of nine contractors in the competition, submitted the lowest bid of \$4,184,969. Construction will begin this June, with completion scheduled for the fall of 1988.

"This facility will enhance the surrounding area's freshwater fishery, and its construction will provide much-needed employment for the people of Sault Ste. Marie," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

The improvements to Tarentorus will allow the ministry to raise a total of one million lake trout to stock in Lake Superior. The station will also produce about 200,000 more lake trout backcross (splake) for Lake Huron, and 260,000 lake and brook trout for the inland waters around Sault Ste. Marie.

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The reconstruction includes three new components: a hatchery building will provide early rearing facilities and administrative offices; an advanced rearing facility will accommodate the fish from the fingerling to yearling stage; and a brood stock facility will contain lake and brook trout brood stocks which will produce an estimated 2.2 million eggs annually.

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RABIES RESEARCH PROGRAM
NEEDS HELP TO FIND
RED FOXES IN METRO TORONTO

Metro Toronto residents are being asked to report sightings of red fox in the city as part of an urban rabies control program.

"If we can establish the number of breeding foxes and their habitat, we will be moving a step closer to designing an effective rabies control program," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The red fox is a major carrier of rabies in rural areas, and now appears to be moving into urban areas.

"With the increasing incidence of rabid foxes in Toronto, it's becoming more important that we learn as much as possible about the urban habits of these disease carriers," Mr. Kerrio said.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has been researching urban rabies since 1984, monitoring the movements of some wildlife species by fitting animals with radio transmitters.

The researchers are studying the feasibility of controlling urban rabies by trapping and vaccinating urban wildlife.

Mr. Kerrio said that this research is now being widened to include the red fox.

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Between 1974 and 1984, 26 cases of rabid fox were documented in Metro Toronto. In the 18 months from April 1984 to September 1985, 27 cases were reported.

"We need to look at the numbers of foxes, the boundaries of their habitat, and their adaptation to the urban environment," Mr. Kerrio said.

People are asked to report sightings of fox pups and occupied fox dens in Metro Toronto. That includes the area south of Highway 7 and lying between Meadowvale Road to the east, and Highway 427 to the west.

Fox dens, which should not be approached, tend to be located in bushy or sandy areas and near streambanks. Some fox dens are actually the enlarged dens of other animals.

Information on den locations and fox sightings should be directed to Paula Kelly-Ward at MNR's wildlife research section in Maple at (416) 832-2761, extension 261, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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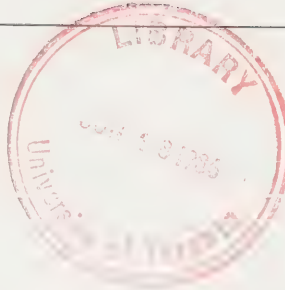
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DEER HUNTING SEASONS
EXTENDED IN 1986
RESOURCES MINISTER ANNOUNCES

The success of the selective harvest program introduced in 1980 has allowed the Ministry of Natural Resources to extend the 1986 deer hunting season in several areas in Ontario.

"The positive impact of our selective deer harvest program, coupled with relatively mild winters in recent years, has allowed Ontario's deer population to double within the last six years to an estimated herd of 200,000," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"The extended hunting season will allow more recreational opportunities for hunters in the coming season, as well as reducing problems caused by deer -- such as crop damage and deer-car collisions."

The following Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in the Algonquin region will have new archery seasons: 48, 57, 58, 59 and 60A.

Anyone wishing to hunt antlerless deer in 1986 must purchase a deer licence -- available in early June -- and then correctly complete and return the attached antlerless deer tag application to local ministry district offices or to the address on the application by no later than 5 p.m., July 31.

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Those who wish to hunt in controlled deer hunt areas should contact the district office in the area of interest for information and application forms. Applications must be sent to the MNR district office which corresponds to your first WMU choice. Cut-off date is 5 p.m., August 29.

The 1986 Hunting Regulations Summary brochure, which outlines hunting seasons for all areas of the province, is available through any Natural Resources district office, or from the Public Information Centre, Room 1640, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3, or by calling (416) 965-4251.

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EDITORS: Please note that season dates and Wildlife Management Units are attached in detail.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Local MNR district offices

or

Wildlife Information
TORONTO (416) 965-4251

1986 DEER SEASONS			
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS ^a AND MUZZLE-LOADERS ^b			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 4 to Dec. 15	Oct. 4 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in Part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 3	Oct. 1 to Oct. 3	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B; bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
7A	Oct. 4 to Dec. 15	Oct. 4 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only
10	Nov. 1 to Dec. 15	Nov. 1 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
11A	Sept. 27 to Oct. 3	Sept. 27 to Oct. 3	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
12A, 12B	Oct. 4 to Dec. 15	No Season	
13, 21A	Oct. 18 to Dec. 15	No Season	
14	Oct. 4 to Nov. 30	No Season	
36, 37, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	
41, 42	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	No Season	
43A, 43B	Nov. 17 to Nov. 20	Nov. 17 to Nov. 20	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
44	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	No Season	No dogs
45	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No dogs
64, 66A, 67, 68, 69B, 74	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	
65	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Bows, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
71	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	No Season	Shotguns only; no dogs
73	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82, 84	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	No dogs
83	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	No dogs

CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS ^c			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
53B, 75, 76, 77, 79 (Guelph Twp., Halton Region only), 80, 81, 85, 87, (Puslinch, Fiam-borough, N. & S. Dumfries Twps. Only), 89, 90, 91, 93	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs; see note ^d
76 (Rama, Mara & parts of Orillia & Matchedash Twp.)	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs; see note ^d
92	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs; see note ^d

1986 DEER SEASONS			
BOWS ONLY* - NO DOGS			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Non-Resident Guide Requirement
14	Sept. 20 to Oct. 3	No Season	
43A, 43B	Oct. 11 to Nov. 9	Oct. 11 to Nov. 9	Land owner's Permission Requirement
48, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 63, 64	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2	
55	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 14	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 14	
61, 62	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 14	No Season	
65, 66A, 67, 68	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 14	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Nov. 14	
69 (Ferguson Nursery)	Nov. 3 to Nov. 9	Nov. 3 to Nov. 9	
69A, 72	Oct. 20 to Dec. 14	Oct. 20 to Dec. 14	
69B, 74, 83	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 14	No Season	
71	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 8 to Dec. 21	No Season	
73, 75, 76, 77, 78 (Brock, Georgina, East Gwillimbury Twps. and that part of Uxbridge Twp. north of the southern boundary of the former Twp. of Scott, only), 81, 82, 84, 85, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 7 to Dec. 14	No Season	
78 (Peel Region, York Region except Georgina and East Gwillimbury Twps., and that part of Uxbridge Twp. south of the southern boundary of the former Twp. of Scott, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa in Durham Region, only), 86, 88, 94	Oct. 20 to Dec. 14	No Season	
79 (Guelph Twp., Halton Region only), 80, 87 (Puslinch, Flamborough, N & S Dumfries Twps only)	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	No Season	
79 (Erin, Eramosa Twps. only), 87 (except Puslinch, Flamborough, N & S Dumfries Twps.)	Oct. 20 to Dec. 31	No Season	

NOTES	
a	Bows include longbows, compound bows and crossbows
b	Muzzle-loaders include flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns
c	Licence must be validated; Deer Hunters should contact appropriate District Office for further Details:
for WMU(s)	Contact:
53B	Bracebridge District Office, Bracebridge, Ontario
75	Lindsay District Office, Lindsay, Ontario
76, 77, 81	Huron District Office, Midhurst, Ontario
79, 80, 87	Cambridge District Office, Cambridge, Ontario
85	Wingham District Office, Wingham, Ontario
89	Niagara District Office, Fonthill, Ontario
90	Simcoe District Office, Simcoe, Ontario
91, 92	Aylmer District Office, Aylmer, Ontario
93	Chatham District Office, Chatham, Ontario



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CHANGES IN WILDLIFE REGULATIONS
WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO KEEP GAME
KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Changes in wildlife regulations will allow people to keep game killed in automobile accidents or by other incidental causes, by reporting and registering the animal with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"These changes, effective July 1, 1986, will provide a consistent way to handle the road kill situation across the province," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

These new regulations will require a person who acquires an animal for his own use to report the accidental death of black bears, deer or moose immediately to the MNR district office nearest to where the animal was killed. Other animals or birds such as caribou, elk, eagles, falcons, hawks, owls, vultures, or fur-bearing animals must be reported within two working days.

In addition to reporting the death of an eagle, falcon, hawk, owl or vulture, the carcass must be taken to any local MNR office for inspection and registration within five days of the death. A certificate will be issued, and, in the case of a fur-bearing animal, a licence to possess the animal.

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This new system of registering and reporting accidental deaths and receiving certificates confirming that the animal was properly reported or registered will also provide taxidermists with easy proof that animals in his/her service are lawfully owned by his/her clients.

"By implementing these regulations we can better record accidentally killed wildlife and help to control the unlawful possession of game," said Mr. Kerrio.

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SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL COMMENTS
ON WETLANDS GUIDELINES
RELEASED

Ontario is one step closer to having a policy on wetlands management, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

A summary of municipal comments on the 1984 "Guidelines for Wetlands Management" is being released today by an interministerial committee representing the Ministries of Natural Resources, Environment, Agriculture and Food, and Municipal Affairs.

The committee is responsible for developing a provincial policy statement expected to be released for public review next year.

"Wetlands are a valuable resource," Mr. Kerrio said. "They filter pollutants out of our water and help control flooding, as well as supply the provincial economy with more than \$300-million annually in resource products such as wood, furs and wild rice, and \$800-million through tourism. Wetlands also provide refuge for numerous species of plants and wildlife."

Less than a quarter of southern Ontario's original wetlands remain due to land clearing, drainage, urban development, shoreline disturbance, filling and impoundment.

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In an effort to ensure that remaining wetlands are put to the most efficient use, the province issued guidelines to help municipalities and their planners deal with competing interests in wetlands.

In response to these guidelines, municipalities identified six major issues which are outlined in the summary being released today.

These issues include the need to develop an acceptable landowner compensation program and the need to review present zoning provisions and their limitations.

During the preparation of the proposed policy statement on wetlands, the interministerial committee will address concerns expressed by municipalities, farmers, other interest groups and the general public.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS ALONG GREAT LAKES
TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS
TO FLOODING AND EROSION PROBLEMS

High water levels on the Great Lakes have affected many shoreline properties.

If you are concerned about shoreline damage and would like to have a voice in Ontario government policy, you should plan to attend one of the public meetings to be held in 15 Ontario communities along the Great Lakes in June, July and August.

The meetings have been arranged by the Shoreline Management Review Committee, a seven-member group established by the Ontario government in April 1986 to study long-term solutions for shoreline management along the Great Lakes.

These meetings will be held in: Kingston (June 18), Collingwood (June 27), Thunder Bay (July 3), Sault Ste. Marie (July 4), Sarnia (July 9), Goderich (July 10), Windsor (July 17), Belle River (July 18), Port Colborne (July 22), Port Dover (July 23), Port Rowan (July 23), Wheatley (July 31), Kingsville (July 31), Blenheim (August 1) and Toronto (August 7).

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Public Meetings - 2

The public is invited to make written and/or oral presentations at these meetings. Those unable to attend may send written submissions before August 15, 1986 to:

James McGuigan, MPP
Chairman
Shoreline Management Review Committee
Room 6501, Whitney Block
Queen's Park, Toronto
Ontario M7A 1W3

The committee will prepare a report and submit it to Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre in November 1986.

"Although we can't control extreme water level fluctuations in the Great Lakes, we can work to minimize the potential damage to shoreline homes and properties," Mr. Kerrio said. "The committee will look at the roles of the private and public sectors in solving existing problems, preventing new ones, and providing emergency assistance to combat flood and erosion problems."

The committee includes representatives from provincial and municipal governments as well as the general public. It is chaired by James McGuigan, MPP for Kent-Elgin and Parliamentary Assistant to Mr. Kerrio.

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The other members of the committee are: Gord Miller, MPP for Haldimand-Norfolk; Roger Vermeulen, a councillor for the Township of Delhi; Ray Lavereau, reeve of the Village of Port Stanley; Shannon Olson, vice-chairman of the Essex Region Conservation Authority; John Plyley of Stevensville, a real estate sales representative; and Reid Kreutzwiser, an associate professor at the University of Guelph, who has technical expertise in this field.

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EDITORS: A list of locations and dates of public meetings is attached.

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SHORELINE MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

LOCATIONS AND DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kingston:

Ramada Inn
1 Johnson Street
June 18, 7 p.m.

Collingwood:

Blue Mountain Inn
Blue Mountain Road
June 27, 7 p.m.

Thunder Bay:

Ramada Inn
17N Cumberland Street
July 3, 7 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie:

Best Western Water Tower Inn
360 Great North Road
July 4, 7 p.m.

Sarnia:

Canterbury Inn
1485 London Road
July 9, 7 p.m.

Goderich:

Livery Theatre
35 South Street
July 10, 7 p.m.

Windsor:

Ecole Secondaire L'Essor
13605 St. Gregory Street
St. Clair Beach
July 17, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Belle River:

Belle River Arena
Rourke Line Road
July 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Port Colborne:

Lockview Park Secondary School
Janet Street
July 22, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Port Dover:

Port Dover Public School
Main Street
July 23, 2 p.m.

Port Rowan:

Port Rowan Community Centre
College Avenue
July 23, 7 p.m.

Wheatley:

Wheatley Community Hall
27 Talbot Street West
July 31, 2 p.m.

Kingsville:

Kingsville Lions Hall
Mill Street
July 31, 7 p.m.

Blenheim:

St. Mary's Hall
August 1, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Toronto:

Loews Westbury Hotel
475 Yonge Street
(at College Street)
August 7, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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June 20, 1986

FIVE MEN CHARGED
FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO
TAXIDERMY PRACTICES

Five Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources employees have been charged following a two-month investigation by MNR conservation officers into taxidermy practices in the Atikokan area.

The charges were laid in Rainy River District Court yesterday.

Charges against David H. Elder of Atikokan include illegal possession and sale of provincial game birds and migratory birds, bird eggs, furbearers and failure to keep proper taxidermy records.

David R. Lyons, also of Atikokan, has been charged under the Game and Fish Act and Migratory Birds Convention Act. The charges relate to selling game birds, unlawful possession of furbearers and unlawful possession of migratory birds and migratory bird eggs.

One charge of unlawful possession of furbearers has been laid against Tom Nash of Atikokan.

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David W. Maynard of Atikokan and Harry M. J. Rustenburg of Nipigon were each charged with one count of unlawful possession of a loon under the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act.

A routine enquiry from U.S. wildlife officials prompted an investigation which led to the May 27th seizure of mounted birds, eggs, fur, mounted animals, and records from a taxidermist's residence in Atikokan and evidence from several other residences near Toronto, Namakan Lake and Atikokan. Conservation officers taking part in the operation were assisted by Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a Canadian Wildlife Service Officer.

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June 27, 1986

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WRAPS UP 1986
AERIAL SPRAYING PROGRAM

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has successfully completed the 1986 aerial spraying program to counter spruce budworm, jack pine budworm and gypsy moth infestations in forested areas from Cornwall to Kenora.

From May 22 to June 25, nearly two million litres of the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) was sprayed on approximately 860,000 hectares of forest -- more than double the area covered last year. Over 55,000 hectares of the sprayed area was privately owned.

"The operation went remarkably smoothly, considering its size and complexity," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"My ministry invested over \$27-million in the project -- which more than quadruples last year's total of \$6-million. More than 400 MNR staff were involved, as well as 150 contracted aircraft."

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The program was expanded after the Canadian Forestry Service released its 1985 survey of infestation in the province's forests in August, last year. The survey found that the spruce budworm population had nearly tripled from 1984 to cover 12.3 million hectares of northern Ontario forest, and that the jack pine budworm accounted for over 3 1/2 million hectares of defoliated forest -- a seven-fold increase over the 1984 figure. The gypsy moth infestation covered 246,000 hectares of eastern Ontario forests -- more than tripling 1984's total of 80,000 hectares.

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July 3, 1986

URBAN RABIES PROGRAM
FOCUSES ON SKUNKS AND RACCOONS
IN METRO AREA THIS SUMMER

The Ministry of Natural Resources will trap, vaccinate and release skunks and raccoons in Metro Toronto this summer as part of its urban rabies control program.

Some skunks will also be captured in the Scarborough area and fitted with radio transmitters so researchers can study their movements and habits for several months.

"Urban rabies is becoming a serious problem in our cities," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "This research will help develop a comprehensive rabies control strategy that can be applied in many other urban areas.

"Our program focuses on skunks because they are the major carriers of rabies in urban southern Ontario. Raccoons are also under study because of their large numbers and the possibility they too may need rabies control in future."

From 1980 to 1984, 104 skunks were diagnosed as rabid in Metro Toronto.

During July, MNR staff will set baited traps each night in the Kennedy Road - Highway 401 area of Scarborough. The traps are designed to capture animals live and will not harm pets or wildlife.

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The traps will be checked daily and 20 captured skunks will be tagged, vaccinated, fitted with radio transmitters and released.

Researchers will track the animals' movements until the spring of 1987.

This project will give researchers an insight into skunks' habits and range of habitat use.

From August to November, 24 areas throughout Metro Toronto will be set with similar traps to capture and vaccinate other skunks, and raccoons.

The traps will be set once in each area over a five-day period. They will be checked twice daily. Traps will be closed during the day to avoid capturing pets, and local householders will be notified about the location of the traps.

The same sites will be re-trapped later to establish the percentage of the population that was vaccinated.

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EDITORS NOTE: A fact sheet is attached.

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1986-87 METRO TORONTO RABIES RESEARCH PROGRAM
LIVE TRAPPING

- The Ministry of Natural Resources will live-trap and vaccinate skunks and raccoons in 24 study areas of Metropolitan Toronto this summer.
- This project will provide information on skunk and raccoon populations in urban habitats. The research will help in developing a comprehensive control strategy for rabies in urban wildlife.
- Skunks, the main focus of this program, are the major carriers of rabies in urban southern Ontario. Between 1980 and 1984, 104 rabid skunks were diagnosed as rabid in Metropolitan Toronto.
- Raccoons are also being studied because of their large populations and as a precaution against future need to control rabies in that species.
- The live-traps will each be set for a five-day period in each study area, sometime between August 4 and October 31.
- Traps will not be set during the day. They will be baited and set during the early evening. They will be checked twice daily by Ministry of Natural Resources staff.
- Pets will be released immediately when traps are checked. Live traps will not hurt animals in any way.
- Captured skunks and raccoons will be vaccinated against rabies, fitted with an identifying eartag and released.
- Signs will be posted near the live traps. They will list the telephone number to contact MNR's Rabies Research Unit in Maple, Ontario. This is a local call for Metro Toronto residents.
- MNR staff will visit households in the study areas before the live traps are set, to inform residents of the traps' locations and how to operate them to free trapped pets. MNR staff checking the traps should be notified if a pet is released.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

July 7, 1986

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

A detailed examination of peat deposits in the Maple area is one of three new projects in central Ontario funded through a federal-provincial special employment program.

The projects will give nine laid-off workers in central Ontario a total of 175 weeks of employment. The total cost of \$89,345 will be shared by the federal and provincial governments as well as project sponsors.

"The Maple project will lend considerable insight into the environmental implications of developing peat deposits in this area," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

The second project will improve facilities in Ken Reid Conservation Area, while the third will review and document natural resource features of 46 Crown land properties.

"I believe that providing laid-off workers with the job opportunities they need to maintain and improve their work skills is one of the most important uses of UI funds," said Flora MacDonald, federal Employment and Immigration Minister.

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The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with regular unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$315 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR CENTRAL ONTARIO

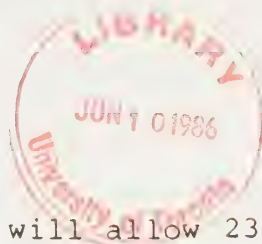
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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Maple	Mines	University of Toronto	Providing an overview of the geology of potential peat deposits in the ministry's Maple district and the environmental impact of developing this resource. Responsibilities include conducting case studies of selected peat sites and carrying out a survey to assess the extraction processes and uses of peat products.	2	52	26,326
Lindsay	Conservation Authorities	Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	Building picnic shelters and an outhouse in Ken Reid Conservation Area.	4	72	39,734
Lindsay	Mines	Sir Sandford Fleming College	Reviewing and documenting natural resource features such as landforms and geology in 46 Crown land properties.	3	51	23,285



CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM July 7, 1986

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES 23 SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN CENTRAL ONTARIO



A federal-provincial job creation program will allow 23 workers in central Ontario to work on projects ranging from monitoring water quality in the Cambridge area to gathering information on gypsum deposits in the Niagara region.

Other projects include upgrading park facilities in Earl Rowe Provincial Park, developing earth science computer program packages at Brock University for planners and consultants, and building a maintenance work centre in Bronte Provincial Park.

The workers will share 514 weeks of employment. The total cost of \$344,720 for the six projects will be shared by the federal and provincial governments as well as by various project sponsors.

"There are two main benefits resulting from such projects," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "They help retain skilled labor in local communities, and they contribute to a better understanding of our resources."

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"As well as retaining skilled workers in their communities, this employment program provides the means to complete a wide variety of worthwhile projects," said Flora MacDonald, Federal Minister of Employment and Immigration.

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July 7, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Huron	Parks	County of Simcoe	Transplanting trees to pool and park area, reconstructing a fireplace, painting tables and cutting trees in Earl Rowe Provincial Park.	3	30	21,150
Cambridge	Parks	Halton Region Conservation Authority	Constructing a maintenance work centre in Bronte Provincial Park which includes a workshop, roads and parking lots.	6	120	94,740
Niagara	Mines	Brock University	Developing earth science computer program packages at Brock University which are to be made available to planners and consultants.	4	104	97,180
Niagara	Mines	Regional Municipality of Niagara	Quality testing of source materials including dredged sand, natural and manufactured sand for their use in high specification concrete products.	3	78	50,320
Niagara	Mines	Brock University	Conducting an assessment of natural revegetation in Wainfleet township. Identifying potential peat deposits, surveying ground water conditions and determining the impact of peat extraction on wetland flora.	4	104	48,010

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Niagara	Mines	Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk	Collecting current and historical information in order to identify hazardous areas in the region. Providing related information on location of gypsum deposits.	3	78	33,320
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July 7, 1986

NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES INDEPENDENT REVIEW
OF HEARST FMA

The proposed Forest Management Agreement between the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Hearst Forest Management Inc. will be given an independent review by two eminent authorities, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Dean Gordon Baskerville of the University of New Brunswick and Wilfrid Spooner, a former Minister of Lands and Forests and former member of the Legislature for Cochrane South, have agreed to conduct the review into the propriety of the process used in the development of the proposed agreement.

The review will be presented to cabinet and will be made public.

Dean Baskerville is completing a comprehensive review of forest management practices of the natural resources ministry.

Mr. Kerrio said detailed discussions about a co-operative forest management agreement -- the first in Ontario -- have been going on between Ministry of Natural Resources staff and Hearst Forest Management Inc. and its member companies since 1984.

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The proposed agreement, finalized in April 1986, would assure a sustained wood supply for all three major sawmilling companies in Hearst. It was the recommendation of MNR forestry staff that the proposed agreement be implemented.

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ONTARIO NOMINATES
TWO RIVERS FOR
CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER SYSTEM

Two northwestern Ontario rivers are now being considered for recognition in the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS).

The Bloodvein River, which flows through Woodland Caribou Provincial Park, and Boundary Waters Voyageur Waterway, in the proposed La Verendrye Provincial Park, were nominated in early June. Ten other rivers have already attained official nomination status.

Each year, the provincial and territorial governments submit nominations to the federally-sponsored Canadian Heritage Rivers Board. In order to be nominated, rivers must have outstanding natural, historic or recreational features.

"These two waterways are excellent choices," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "The Bloodvein River is important archeologically, with its ancient native pictograph sites. It crosses the Ontario-Manitoba border, and that province has also nominated its part of the river to the system."

"The Boundary Waters Voyageur Waterway opened up western Canada for European explorers, traders and settlers. The nominated section begins in Middle Falls Provincial Park on Lake Superior, runs along the Canada-United States boundary, and ends up in Quetico Provincial Park," he added.

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Under the Canadian Heritage River System, the nominating government must prepare a management plan identifying the unique features of each river proposed, and provisions for the protection of those features.

A 10-member board, which includes representatives from the federal government and participating provincial and territorial governments, decides which waterways will be designated as heritage rivers.

Each river designated under CHRS continues to be managed by the government in whose jurisdiction it lies. The main objectives of the program are to recognize and protect Canada's river heritage, and to provide opportunities for the public to appreciate the rivers and enjoy the recreational activities they offer.

The French River in Ontario, the Alsek in the Yukon and the Clearwater River in Saskatchewan are currently Canada's only three officially designated heritage rivers.

For more information about Canadian Heritage Rivers in Ontario, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreational Areas Branch, Whitney Block, Room 3329, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3, or call (416) 965-2745.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

June 17, 1986

15 SHORT-TERM JOBS CREATED IN NORTHERN ONTARIO BY A SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Laid-off workers will install ski lifts and improve the picnic area at Rene Brunelle Provincial Park and upgrade docking facilities at Wakami Lake Provincial Park.

These are just three of the projects that will be undertaken in northern Ontario through a federal-provincial job creation program.

"These projects will allow workers to upgrade facilities in our provincial parks and, at the same time, create 15 short-term jobs," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The three parks projects will create a total of 190 weeks of employment.

The total cost of \$93,018 will be shared among the federal and provincial governments, and project sponsors.

"I believe that providing laid-off workers with the job opportunities they need to maintain and improve their work skills is one of the most important uses of UI funds," said Flora Macdonald, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration.

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The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR NORTHERN REGION

June 17, 1986

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT</u> <u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Kapuskasing	Parks	Township of Moonbeam	Improving alpine skiing facilities in Rene Brunelle Provincial Park, which involves dismantling, transporting and installing lifts. Clearing area for lift installation and fitting underground hydro wires.	3	30	17,031
Kapuskasing	Parks	Township of Moonbeam	Painting, repairing and replacing picnic tables and shelter support posts in Rene Brunelle Provincial Park. Cutting dead trees for use as firewood.	4	80	38,153
Chapleau	Parks	Township of Chapleau	Improving public docking facilities in Wakami Lake Provincial Park. Extending a dead end road and cutting trees.	8	80	37,834



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July 11, 1986

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
CONDUCT CONSERVATION PROJECTS
THIS SUMMER

Twenty-eight Ontario high school students who have demonstrated an interest in conservation are getting their feet wet in the field this summer.

The students, aged 16 to 18, have been chosen from a field of 125 candidates across the province to take part in the Junior Conservationist Award Program, administered by the Conservation Authorities and Water Management Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

The program, which began on a small scale in 1966, is designed to increase appreciation of conservation and resource management issues through working and learning.

The 14 male and 14 female students are divided into four groups of seven to participate in specific projects hosted by four conservation authorities.

This year the conservation authorities involved in the program are Metro Toronto and Region, Maitland Valley, Upper Thames River and South Nation River.

The students, who were selected by a panel of ministry officials, had their applications sponsored by a conservation agency, such as a nature club, fish and game association, 4-H club, etc.

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The students received a week of orientation early in July at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre at Dorset before breaking up into groups. They will spend five weeks on their group project, and take one week off mid-summer for a hiking and canoeing trip in Killarney Provincial Park.

The students work under the supervision of ministry and conservation authority staff. They receive a nominal living allowance of \$15 a day (an increase of \$5 from last year), and meals and accommodation are provided.

As well as learning about resource management techniques, the students may also pick up some indoor skills -- they are expected to do their share of cooking and cleaning for the group household.

The project hosted by the Metro Toronto and Region authority will be carried out at the Boyd Conservation Area north of Toronto where students will compile an inventory survey of selected aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

The group will identify and propose potential projects under the Community Fisheries Involvement Program (CFIP) and the Community Wildlife Involvement Program (CWIP). Under these programs, the ministry provides guidance and technical assistance to community organizations which carry out specific resource projects, such as improving stream habitat for fish.

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In the Maitland Valley project, the students will plan orienteering courses to be used by school groups and the general public at the authority's Outdoor Education Centre at Wawanosh Valley near Blyth. The courses will have various conservation themes on such subjects as forestry, wildlife and soil.

An evaluation of wetlands in the Upper Thames River watershed will be carried out by students working in the Stratford area. Their work will contribute to inventory analysis and data collection in wetlands research. The group will also develop a management plan for one specific wetland area.

The students in Moose Creek, north of Cornwall, will do a resource inventory of portions of the South Nation River in an area southeast of Ottawa. The inventory will be used to design a system of canoe routes and to develop a brochure detailing those routes and their points of interest.

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34,485 COW AND BULL TAGS
ISSUED TO MOOSE HUNTERS
FOR 1986 HUNTING SEASON

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has completed the draw under the 1986 selective moose harvest program, and has sent out 34,485 cow and bull tags to moose hunters across Ontario.

This year, the ministry received 72,272 applications by the deadline date of May 15, an increase of three per cent over 1985.

As in 1985, only successful applicants will be notified. They should receive their tags in late July.

Hunters who are not chosen in the draw will still be able to hunt bull or cow moose by booking through tourist outfitters who have tags available. All purchasers of moose licences may hunt calf moose.

Overall, there were about six per cent fewer tags available for the 1986 draw. Decreases in tag quotas occurred because of higher than predicted levels of adult moose harvests in some areas in 1985.

"My ministry's selective harvest program for moose is working, with the moose population showing signs of recovery in several areas," Mr. Kerrio said. "There are currently more than 100,000 moose in Ontario. Our goal is to have 160,000 moose in the province by the year 2000."

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The selective moose harvest is designed to increase moose numbers by allocating a specific number of tags for cow and bull moose in each management unit.

Hunters who have questions about the moose program should contact their local Ministry of Natural Resources office.

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ONTARIO SENDS
FIRE CREWS
TO NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Forest fire fighting crews and management personnel from Ontario are fighting major fires in the Northwest Territories.

Four five-men fire crews from the Algonquin Region, along with three division bosses and a four-man provincial fire team from Ontario arrived in Inuvik late last night.

"The Northwest Territories placed the request for assistance through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre in Winnipeg," said John Goodman, director at the provincial Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. "We're fortunate that we can spare the personnel right now, because the fire situation in Ontario is relatively quiet."

The Northwest Territories has 22 fires burning out of control, with the Ontario firefighters going to the largest fire, at 65,000 hectares, to relieve the fire personnel there. The fire is burning in boreal spruce forest, and the firefighting effort has been concentrated on protecting private property and limiting the spread on the flanks.

Alberta has also provided personnel assistance for a 2,000 hectare fire burning out of control at Norman Wells.

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"Right now, we have 23 fires in Ontario," said Goodman, "and 11 of them are either under control or being held. In the northwestern region and north central region, there are 12 fires in remote areas that are being observed but they pose no danger to human life or private property."

The fire danger rating for most of Ontario is low, with the exception being the area north of Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Geraldton and Timmins, where the rating is high.

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NEW ERA OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
IN FOREST MANAGEMENT
BEGINS WITH SIGNING OF FMA

A new era of public involvement in forest management began today in Ontario, with the signing of the current government's first Forest Management Agreement (FMA).

"This new Forest Management Agreement -- which I signed today with Great Lakes Forest Products Ltd. in Thunder Bay -- is the first in Ontario to meet our new requirements for public involvement in forestry planning," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

These new requirements, which call for extensive public input in the preparation and review of forestry plans, are outlined in the class environmental assessment for timber management activities. The Ministry of Natural Resources submitted this document to the Minister of the Environment in December 1985, for review and approval under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.

"To date, the public has been extremely involved in planning the future of this new FMA," Mr. Kerrio said. "We've heard from foresters, outdoors groups, sport fishermen, cottagers, hunters, outfitters, trappers, and even the Lakehead Board of Education."

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"We look forward to further public consultation, as we work together to complete short- and long-term plans for the area," he added.

The FMA signed today covers three blocks of land north of Thunder Bay -- a total area of 5,340 square kilometres. This land was previously licensed to Great Lakes Forest Products under a traditional timber licence.

Under the FMA, Great Lakes Forest Products agrees to do site preparation, regeneration and tending on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources after harvesting.

There are now 27 FMAs in Ontario, covering almost 60 per cent of the total licenced areas in the province.

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FACT SHEET

FMA

- On July 17, 1986, the Ministry of Natural Resources signed a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) with Great Lakes Forest Products Ltd.
- The agreement covers three parcels of land north of Thunder Bay -- a total area of 5,340 square kilometres. This land was previously licensed to Great Lakes Forest Products under a traditional timber licence.
- Under the FMA, Great Lakes Forest Products agrees to do site preparation, regeneration and tending on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources after harvesting.
- This is the first FMA signed by the current Government of Ontario. It is also the first FMA signed since MNR presented its Class Environmental Assessment for forestry to the Ministry of the Environment in December 1985. Under the Class EA, the ministry and forest company must meet strict public consultation requirements before completing a Timber Management Plan for the area.
- This is Great Lakes Forest Products' fifth FMA. The company is now responsible for timber management on about one-quarter of all areas covered by FMAs in Ontario. The company's FMA areas cover a total of 34,463 square kilometres.
- Great Lakes Forest Products was also one of the first forest companies to sign an FMA when the agreements began in 1980.
- There are now 27 FMAs in Ontario, representing almost 60 per cent of the total licenced areas in the province.
- A five-year review of the first five FMAs, all signed in 1980, was released to the public by MNR in December 1985. The report found that, under FMAs, regeneration increased 43 per cent, tending 285 per cent, and site preparation 30 per cent.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SCHEDULE: BLACK STURGEON FOREST FMA

- February 4, 1986 -- About 100 area residents attended at open house in Thunder Bay to discuss the proposed FMA. The public was given 30 days to submit written concerns about the area. Great Lakes Forest Products has those comments now, and is using them to prepare a draft management plan for the area.
- August 6, 1986 -- An Information Centre will be held in Thunder Bay to show the public: the stands eligible for harvesting over the next five years and 20 years; plans for access roads over the next five years and 20 years; areas of concern that have been identified, and various alternatives on how any adverse affects could be mitigated. The public will have 30 days to present its comments.
- October 1, 1986 -- Great Lakes Forest Products will submit a draft management plan to MNR. MNR will review the plan for two months.
- December 1, 1986 -- The public will be invited to review the draft plan. After a 30-day public review period, the plan will be returned to the company for any necessary revisions.
- February 16, 1987 -- The company will resubmit the revised plan, taking into account any public and ministry concerns.
- March 2, 1987 -- The plan will be approved by MNR, if all concerns have been addressed satisfactorily. At this time, the public has another opportunity to review the plan. If any concerns remain, the public can order the "bump up" of the entire plan, or part of the plan, to an individual class environmental assessment. Otherwise, operations will start under the approved plan on April 1, 1987.



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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HOLDS OPEN HOUSES
ON PROPOSED JAMES AULD WATERWAY PARK

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will hold open houses on proposed management policies for the James Auld Provincial Waterway Park at four eastern Ontario locations, August 11 to 14.

The park covers an area of 9,800 hectares along a series of lakes, rivers and streams north of Kingston from Frontenac Provincial Park to Charleston Lake Provincial Park. It is intended to protect the waterway's natural and cultural environment, and to enhance its recreational opportunities.

"We are holding these open houses to obtain public input on the policies," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "The comments and suggestions we receive will help ensure that the park is developed and managed as effectively and efficiently as possible."

Public consultations on the Management Plans have been going on since February, when a tabloid containing background information on the proposed park was distributed to 2,800 area landowners and more than 50 interest groups.

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Proposed policies will be available at the open houses, and ministry staff will be on hand to answer questions.

All public comments on the management policies are to be received by the end of September. A final plan for the park is expected to be completed by the spring of 1987.

The park is named after the late James Auld, a former Minister of Natural Resources who served as the Member of the Provincial Parliament for the Leeds constituency for 27 years.

Open houses will be held at the following times and locations:

CHAFFEYS LOCKS
Community Hall
Monday, August 11
3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

FRONTENAC PROVINCIAL PARK
Trail Centre
Tuesday, August 12
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LYNDHURST
Legion Hall
Wednesday, August 13
3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

CHARLESTON LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK
Visitor Centre
Thursday, August 14
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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RARE TRUMPETER SWANS
HATCHED IN MNR
REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM

Six young trumpeter swans are growing up in Cranberry Marsh, near Whitby, thanks to a program of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to reintroduce this rare and graceful white bird to the province.

The program was started in 1982, and since then six trumpeter swans have been raised to flight stage by mute swan foster parents on the northwest shore of Lake Ontario.

This year, two Ontario aviculturists donated 17 trumpeter swan eggs to the program. Some of the eggs did not hatch, three cygnets died before they were a day old, and one died at seven weeks.

But six cygnets are holding their own, under the watchful eye of MNR biologists. All but one of the cygnets have had their white feathers dyed brown to make their mute swan guardians believe they are raising their own offspring, which are darker in color than trumpeter cygnets.

The mute swan tends to act aggressively toward any white bird. In an experiment in 1985, a mute swan foster-father demonstrated tolerance to cygnets which were dyed.

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The ministry has also taken steps to protect the cygnets from snapping turtles, which killed many of them in other years. About 44 turtles have been trapped in the marsh this year and released elsewhere -- 27 were removed in 1985.

As far as the biologists are aware, none of this year's crop of cygnets has fallen prey to the turtles. The surviving six cygnets are between three-and-a-half and four weeks old. It takes 90 days to raise them to flight stage.

There are about 110 to 120 mute swans living and breeding in the wild in Ontario, mostly in an area between Hamilton and Bowmanville. The mute swan was introduced to Ontario from Europe.

The trumpeter swan, once a native of Ontario, disappeared as a breeder in the 1700s, and the last migrants from the west were recorded crossing Ontario 100 years ago. Now there are only about 650 trumpeter swans in Canada. Most are concentrated in Alberta, with some in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

"The Ontario program will add to the numbers and extend the range of the trumpeter swan," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "We are encouraged by the success of this worthwhile program."

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Mr. Kerrio said he is also pleased that the private sector has become involved. The program received financial support from Canada Life Assurance Co., the Elsa Wild Animal Appeal of Canada and the Trumpeter Swan Society, the World Wildlife Fund (Canada) provided fund-raising support and the Federation of Ontario Naturalists gave administrative help.

Of the six trumpeters raised in this program, one is living in Whitby harbor this summer. The whereabouts of the others is unknown.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY HOSTS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATORS

Approximately 80 delegates representing boating and enforcement agencies from 14 states and Ontario will gather in Toronto August 5 to 8 for the North Central International Association of Boating Law Administrators' Conference.

The conference theme is "Safety Has No Boundaries" and the planned workshops, seminars and committee meetings will cover topics ranging from promoting boat safety education to enforcing boating laws. The event, sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' Office of Recreational Boating, is being held in Canada for the first time in the organization's history.

"This is an excellent opportunity for an active interchange of ideas on the laws governing the sport of boating," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "It also gives us a chance to show our American neighbors the things we're doing to make boating in Ontario a safer, more pleasurable experience."

Included in the conference agenda is a boating demonstration by the Ontario Provincial Police at the Ontario Place waterfront and a tour around Toronto harbor.

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ONTARIO INTRODUCES
RESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENCE
BEGINNING IN 1987

Ontario will introduce a resident licence for sport fishing in 1987, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Mr. Kerrio said the licence will be required of most Ontario residents aged 18 to 64. Senior citizens and the disabled will be exempt, as will Status Indians fishing on their reserves or treaty areas. The annual licence will cost \$10 while a short-term licence to fish for four consecutive days will cost \$5.

"In public meetings held across the province, and through angler surveys, we have received strong support for this licence," said Mr. Kerrio.

"People have indicated strong approval for plans to put funding equivalent to revenues generated from this licence -- projected to be 9-to-\$10-million a year -- into fisheries improvement programs. This support indicates that the time is ripe to adopt the 'user-pay' principle in fisheries management."

"As a result of comments expressed in public meetings, we decided to exempt senior citizens from the licence and to incorporate the short-term licence for occasional anglers," Mr. Kerrio said.

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The licence will be widely available through the Ministry of Natural Resources' network of private licence issuers, which includes sporting goods stores and tackle and bait shops. The network will be expanded as required to meet the demand for the licence. MNR district offices will also distribute the licences.

Mr. Kerrio said Ontario is among the last of the provinces to introduce a resident angling licence.

In January, Cabinet gave approval in principle to the proposed licence. Since then, the Ministry of Natural Resources has held more than 30 meetings across the province to hear public views.

Questionnaires, angler surveys and letters to the ministry indicated that most people favored a licence, providing that funding equivalent to revenues generated is used in fisheries management.

"The additional funding will be used to improve the quality of sport fishing in Ontario," Mr. Kerrio said. "It will go toward programs to protect, rehabilitate and enhance Ontario's fisheries, both in northern and southern Ontario.

"For example, we can consider such projects as fish culture stations, the construction of fish ladders to aid naturally-reproducing species, improved enforcement capability and restoring fish habitat in urban areas to provide more fishing opportunities nearer people's homes."

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Mr. Kerrio said the resident angling licence will also give ministry staff important information about how the resource is being used: "It will tell us who is fishing, where and for what. With this information, we'll be better able to gear our fisheries management programs to the needs of resource users."

A Fisheries Advisory Council, to be made of members of the public, will advise the Minister on fisheries management priorities and fisheries-related expenditures.

"The investment which anglers make in our fisheries resources will have far-reaching benefits in increased employment, and tourism and recreational opportunities," Mr. Kerrio said.

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
EXTENDS COTTAGE LEASES IN
RONDEAU AND ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARKS

Cottage leaseholders in Algonquin and Rondeau Provincial Parks will be able to extend their leases to the year 2017, provided they comply with a new set of conditions. At the same time, the provincial government will retain its long-term goal of phasing out all existing leases in the two parks.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today announced the adoption of these and other recommendations made in a Provincial Parks Council report on the ministry's existing cottage leasehold policy. The council -- a citizen's advisory committee which reports to the minister -- compiled the report based on a series of public meetings held in March this year.

Some 900 people attended the meetings. The council heard more than 60 formal briefs and received over 200 pieces of correspondence during the course of the review.

Lessees who decide to sign the new lease extension agreements must agree to certain conditions. Under the terms of the agreements, the ministry will have the first right of refusal at the time of any lease transfer. Leaseholders must obtain ministry approval for any building improvements, landscaping or earth removal at the cottage site. Also, leasehold rents will be based on fair market value and will be adjusted periodically.

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A related recommendation adopted by the ministry called for a public review of the existing park management plan for Algonquin Provincial Park. The plan was last reviewed in 1979, and outlines the park's overall management and development strategies.

Copies of the lease extension agreement will be sent to the leaseholders along with complete information packages as soon as they are prepared.

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EDITORS: Please note a background sheet is attached.

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NINE NEW INDIAN RESERVES
BEING ESTABLISHED
IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

The public is being asked to comment on plans to provide nine new Indian bands in remote parts of northern Ontario with land for new Indian reserves, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

The nine bands were created in 1985 by the federal government under the Indian Act. Traditionally, land for new reserves is provided to Canada by Ontario at the request of the federal government.

Under discussion are nine parcels of Crown land ranging from 100 to 700 hectares in northwestern Ontario, north of Red Lake, Sioux Lookout and Geraldton.

"We will place notices in newspapers to inform local residents and other resource users who might be affected by these new Indian reserves of opportunities to comment on these plans," Mr. Kerrio said.

At the conclusion of this public consultation, the Ministry of Natural Resources will be prepared to participate in tripartite negotiations involving the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and each Indian band to establish the location, extent and boundaries of the proposed Indian reserves.

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"All comments received will be considered during these negotiations," Mr. Kerrio said.

The nine new Indian bands for which the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has recently requested land for Indian reserves are the New Slate Falls, Saugeen Nation, Wawakapewin, Kee-Way-Win, McDowell Lake, Aroland, Lansdowne House, Summer Beaver and Webequie bands.

Prior to these negotiations directed at establishing Indian reserves for these nine new bands, negotiations have also been under way for some time regarding the transfer of Ontario land to Canada for reserves for the Whitesand (near Armstrong), Rocky Bay (near McDiarmid), Winisk (on Hudson Bay) and Chapleau Cree (near the Town of Chapleau) Indian bands.

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TO TEST NEW VACCINE
TO CONTROL RABIES IN FOXES

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will begin immunizing wild foxes with a new vaccine this September, as part of an ongoing strategy to control the spread of rabies in rural areas.

Ministry aircraft will drop 15,300 baits -- liver and hamburger coated sponge cubes containing a strengthened, liquid rabies vaccine -- in an area bounded by the townships of Hullet, Goderich, Stanley, Colborne, and Tuckersmith near the towns of Goderich and Clinton.

The area -- which has been used in similar trials for the last two years -- will be expanded this year to include McKillop township near the town of Seaforth.

"We have done two previous field tests," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "One test examined this method of delivering the baits without using the vaccine. It showed that the method works -- two out of three foxes will eat the baits.

"Vaccine was used in the second test, but fox blood samples indicated that it was not as effective as we anticipated. Rabies immune antibodies were present in about five per cent of the foxes. That is why we must try for better results this year with this stronger, longer-lasting vaccine."

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The new vaccine, developed at Connaught Laboratories in Toronto, is similar to a vaccine which has been field-tested with success in Europe. It has shown 100 per cent potential in laboratory tests, and is expected to effectively retain its potency for three weeks after it is dropped.

This is significantly better than last year's vaccine which retained its potency for only three days after it was dropped, and was estimated to be 80 per cent effective in producing rabies immune antibodies.

The vaccine used in this year's trial will distribute around the mouth of the fox as it chews the sponge, and then be absorbed into its blood system. The sponge will be smeared with liver and packed with hamburger to emit a pungent odor to attract the animals faster.

"Local trappers will once again play an important role in this operation," Mr. Kerrio said. "The bait drop has been timed to coincide with fox trapping season -- about mid-October and mid-November -- so that we can examine the fox blood samples local trappers collect and determine how effective the new vaccine has been."

The vaccine has proven safe in the laboratory should accidental contact occur with pets or humans. It should not, however, be considered an adequate immunizing agent if one of the baits is eaten by a pet.

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The sponge smeared with liver will be placed in a plastic bag with the hamburger. The plastic bait bags are clearly marked with a warning label. Residents are being asked not to touch them. The baits will be dropped away from human habitation -- on gravel pits, fields and along the edges of woodlands.

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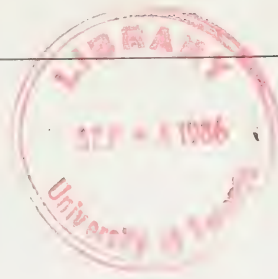
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INDEPENDENT REVIEW
OF HEARST FMA
RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT

An independent review of a proposed Forest Management Agreement (FMA) between the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Hearst Forest Management Inc. is being released today.

"As I promised in July, the report is being presented to Cabinet and is now being made public," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

The review was conducted by Dean Gordon Baskerville of the University of New Brunswick and Wilfrid Spooner, a former Minister of Lands and Forests and former member of the Legislature for Cochrane South.

FMAs are agreements between the government and forest companies. In exchange for carrying out work according to certain standards in a specific area, the company gets some assurance of access to a supply of raw material on a continuing basis and some control over management.

Detailed discussions about a co-operative FMA -- the first in Ontario -- have been under way between ministry staff and Hearst Forest Management Inc. and its member companies since 1984.

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AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW
OF FOREST MANAGEMENT IN ONTARIO
RELEASED BY NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER

An independent review of provincial forest management procedures, conducted by Dean Gordon Baskerville, was released today by Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

Mr. Kerrio told a Thunder Bay news conference that Dean Baskerville, of the University of New Brunswick faculty of forestry, approached the review in a very constructive way.

"He did not, as he explains in his report, prescribe 'fixes'. What he has done is identify areas which should be examined and resolved by the ministry.

"I have every confidence that this ministry will meet the challenge of tackling the issues with determination and enthusiasm."

Mr. Kerrio said he has asked his Deputy Minister to prepare a detailed action plan addressing major issues identified in the report by early October. That plan will also be made public.

Dean Baskerville, who attended the news conference, is an international expert in his field. He agreed last October to conduct the review, at the minister's request.

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Mr. Kerrio quoted from Dean Baskerville's report to emphasize that improving forest management is a continuing process. He assured the Ontario public that the review will be a success in the terms set out by its author.

In his 97-page analysis, Dean Baskerville wrote that the audit would be successful if it stimulated "contemplative review" by staff of the natural resources ministry concerning the issues raised.

"We are determined to give the report the kind of review that its author recommends," Mr. Kerrio said. "He has given us a helpful analysis of forest management practices and has made suggestions for areas of improvement. And we are going to examine all of them and see what needs to be done."

The minister said that Dean Baskerville had agreed to meet Friday Sept. 5 in Thunder Bay with a large number of the ministry's key forestry staff from across the province to discuss the report.

The Baskerville report looked at the application of forest management techniques on Crown land. It concentrated on six management units -- three Crown Management Units (CMUs), where the ministry designs and controls implementation of the management plan, and three Forest Management Agreements (FMAs), where a company prepares and executes the management plan, subject to ministry approvals.

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The three CMUs were Plonski (near Kirkland Lake), Dryden and Minden; the FMAs studied were Iroquois Falls, Lake Nipigon and English River.

The report does not contain a separate list of recommendations, but raises a number of issues in specific areas. There is one "overriding" recommendation: "that the OMNR review the issues raised here in their specific contexts, and that solutions be designed that are appropriate to the real problems."

The issues raised cover both technical and administrative functions, including the use of resource data and manuals, objectives of forest management, integration of timber and non-timber uses and the responsibility and accountability of staff for designing, reporting and evaluating forest management.

Dean Baskerville was assisted in his task by A.J. Kayll, Director of the School of Forestry at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Kerrio said that a well-informed public is essential to developing good resource planning in this province. The Baskerville review is one of several ministry initiatives designed to provide an accurate public record of the state of the forest resource in Ontario.

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Within the last year, the ministry has released the first five-year reviews of five FMAs, the report of the provincial auditor on forest management activities and the ministry's response, and has submitted to the Minister of the Environment for review and approval a class environmental assessment for timber management in Ontario.

In addition, at the same time as he released the Baskerville report, the Minister also made public a document called The Forest Resources of Ontario - 1986. This data on the makeup of Ontario's forests highlights the complexities faced by forest managers and the changes occurring in data-gathering and interpretation.

Information in this document was made available to Dean Baskerville for his review.

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EDITORS: Terms of reference for the Baskerville report are attached. For copies of the report, contact Charles Ross (see below).

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BASKERVILLE REVIEW

To review information on the present and projected forest resources of Ontario and in particular determine:

- (1) If the methodology and procedures used to obtain the data are appropriate.
- (2) Whether or not the quantity, quality and distribution of the forest resource data and its reliability are a proper basis for planning and decision-making at provincial, regional and management unit levels, respectively.
- (3) If there is a process whereby the data can be readily updated to ensure its continuing relevance.
- (4) If the forest resource data, together with other information, such as a mill or regional requirements for wood and losses resulting from fire, insects and disease, are of a manner and form that they can be used to predict future wood supply within defined probability limits.
- (5) The validity of the ministry's conclusions on present and future wood supplies, based on the existing forest resource information.



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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HOSTS TOP FISHERIES EXPERTS
AT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Almost 100 of the world's foremost fisheries scientists will meet in Honey Harbor September 13 - 21 at a state-of-the-art symposium on managing large rivers for production of fish.

The Large Rivers Symposium is hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Among the countries represented will be the United States, Great Britain, Poland, Romania, China, Russia, India, Argentina, Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil.

By pooling their expertise, the participants hope to arrive at universal principles to govern the management of many of the world's large rivers.

"Until recently it was widely thought large rivers need not be managed any differently from lakes and other standing bodies of water," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"Now we know rivers are a totally different habitat for fish, and are much more productive than lakes. Yet we know little more than that. This international symposium is an ideal forum in which to discuss how to manage this special habitat."

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A large river is defined as one which has a mean annual discharge of 40 cubic metres per second. Examples of such large rivers in Ontario include the Grand, Thames, St. Marys, Moose, Saugeen and St. Lawrence.

The symposium participants will spend several days examining specific large rivers and discussing general principles before forming smaller synthesis groups. Each group will conduct an in-depth study of a particular aspect of large rivers fisheries management, and will make some general conclusions that can be widely applied.

"Ontario is home to thousands of kilometres of rivers, and we need to know how to manage them more effectively," Mr. Kerrio said. "I am certain that the information generated by this symposium will be useful for large rivers management both here in Ontario and overseas."

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PROVINCE TO REVIEW
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The province will undertake a major review of Ontario's 38 conservation authorities, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today at the Conservation Authorities of Ontario biennial conference.

"I am setting up an interministerial steering committee to examine the roles, responsibilities and funding procedures of this province's conservation authorities," Mr. Kerrio said.

"The committee will involve senior staff from six ministries and will report its findings to Cabinet by June 15, 1987."

Mr. Kerrio said the review would address various issues raised in a recent brief from the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario as well as several concerns of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The Conservation Authorities Act is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The committee will include senior staff from the provincial ministries most closely involved with authority programs: the ministries of Agriculture and Food, Environment, Municipal Affairs, Tourism and Recreation and Natural Resources.

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The committee will be chaired by R.J. Burgar, the MNR's assistant deputy minister for southern Ontario and a former director of MNR's conservation authorities and water management branch.

Mr. Kerrio said the committee will review the relationship between authorities and provincial agencies.

The committee will consider:

- o the current and future responsibilities of conservation authorities
- o the responsibilities of provincial ministries that are -- or could be -- met through the authorities, and vice-versa
- o how to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of authorities to the province and to municipalities
- o the grants structure for funding authority projects
- o the level of transfer payments required to adequately fund conservation authorities.

"The first conservation authorities in this province were formed 40 years ago," said Mr. Kerrio. "I agree with the ACAO that the time has come to review the whole context within which authorities operate."

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
WARNS ONTARIO HUNTERS NOT TO
EAT MOOSE AND DEER KIDNEY AND LIVER

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is again warning hunters not to eat the kidney and liver from moose and deer after higher-than-normal levels of cadmium were discovered during testing by researchers.

Cadmium is a heavy metal which may be toxic at higher levels of exposure. It occurs naturally at low levels in the ecosystem but may reach higher levels of concentration in some areas. Experiments have shown that high concentrations of cadmium can cause kidney or liver damage in mammals. Cadmium concentrates in some longer-living species such as moose and white-tailed deer.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a limit of 0.5 mg per week for human consumption of cadmium. To ensure that the public does not exceed that limit, the ministry is recommending that the kidneys and liver of moose and deer not be consumed.

"This is a precautionary measure," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "I want to emphasize, as well, that our tests indicate that the moose and deer meat from our sampled areas contains low enough cadmium levels to be acceptable by WHO standards."

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Ministry researchers discovered above-normal levels of cadmium in the kidneys and livers of some moose in south-central Ontario in 1984. Follow-up tests were conducted in regions across the province. During the 1984 and 1985 hunting season, a total of 306 moose were sampled, and in 1985 290 white-tailed deer were also tested.

Sources of environmental cadmium in Ontario have not been defined to date. Further sampling for regional differences in Ontario may help to define sources.

A province-wide study on cadmium levels conducted by the Ministry of Natural Resources will continue with help from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Health.

"We will continue the sampling and analyses program in the 1986 hunting season to further investigate regional differences in cadmium levels," Mr. Kerrio said. "In addition to this program, my ministry is involved in various co-operative studies with other government agencies and universities to determine the pathways of cadmium in the ecosystem."

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FRENCH RIVER IS RECOGNIZED
AS A CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER
AT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CEREMONY

The French River was officially recognized as a Canadian Heritage River today under a new protection program for rivers of exceptional natural, cultural, and historic importance.

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Dr. Gary Gurbin, MP, parliamentary secretary to federal Environment Minister Tom MacMillan, jointly unveiled the plaque and signed the Canadian Heritage River register at a ceremony near the Highway 69 bridge over the French River.

"In this country of great waterways, few can match the French River in its natural, rugged and unspoiled beauty, in its important and romantic history as an exploration and fur trade route, and in its present role as a focus of waterway recreational activities," Mr. Kerrio said.

The Canadian Heritage Rivers System is a co-operative program, with federal, provincial, and territorial governments participating in its establishment and administration.

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The purpose of the program is to give national recognition to the important rivers of Canada and to ensure the future management of heritage values. The designation of the French River as a Canadian Heritage river will have no effect on the provincial jurisdiction of the area, privately-owned land or the status of Indian reserves.

Speaking on behalf of Mr. MacMillan, Dr. Gurbin said that Canada's rivers are one of our most important national heritages. He went on to say: "The official designation will help to ensure the long-term protection of our heritage waterways. In a little more than two years, the Canadian Heritage Rivers system has become potentially one of the most promising programs of heritage conservation in Canada. All Canadians will benefit from the opportunities for enjoyment that the Canadian Heritage Rivers will provide."

To be designated, a river must either have outstanding natural or human heritage values, or be a river that provides outstanding recreational opportunities.

The French River, which was one of the first two to be designated a Canadian Heritage River, meets all of the established criteria.

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1986 DEER HARVEST
PROGRAM INCREASES
VALIDATION TAGS

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has issued 50,996 antlerless deer validation tags for the 1986 hunting season -- a 39 per cent increase over last year. Successful applicants of the draw will receive their tags in the mail by late September.

The seven-year-old selective harvest program is designed to control deer harvested by allocating a specific number of tags for antlerless deer -- females and fawns -- in each management unit.

"The large increase in the number of validation tags we were able to allocate this year is due to a healthy and increasing deer population -- a direct result of my ministry's selective harvest program combined with a number of mild winters," Ontario Natural Resources Minister, Vincent Kerrio said.

This year, the Ministry received 73,736 applications -- an increase of nine per cent over 1985.

Hunters who have questions about the selective deer harvest program should contact their local Natural Resources office.

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MANDATORY TRAINING COURSES
FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE HUNTERS
BEGIN IN JANUARY 1987

Effective January 1, 1987, hunter education courses will be mandatory for all prospective hunters and any hunter who cannot provide proof of previous hunting experience before they will be permitted to take the hunting licence examination, Ontario Natural Resources Minister, Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Hunters who can produce an Ontario resident's hunting licence issued after January 1, 1968, hunting licence examination certificate issued after January 1, 1968, or hunting licence verification certificate will not be required to take the training courses.

Currently, only hunters born after December 31, 1954, are required to complete the training courses before taking their Ontario resident hunting licence examination.

"These changes in hunter regulations will produce more knowledgeable, skillful, and responsible hunters," Mr. Kerrio said. "They will also ensure that all candidates, regardless of age, are treated equally."

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Ontario's Hunter Education Program -- established in 1957 -- has been instrumental in improving hunter behavior and reducing the number of hunting accidents. In 1960, there were a total of 154 hunting accidents including 36 fatalities, compared with 39 including four fatalities in 1985.

"Hunting remains one of the safer outdoor activities, considering that each year there are approximately 500,000 individual hunters who participate in a total of 5 million hunter days," Mr. Kerrio said.

Training courses -- conducted by certified hunter education instructors throughout the province -- offer instruction in hunting ethics, firearms safety, survival, wildlife identification, wildlife management and first aid.

Hunters with questions about training courses and hunting licence examinations should contact their local Natural Resources district office.

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PROVINCE TO SIGN
FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH HEARST FOREST MANAGEMENT

Hearst Forest Management Inc. will sign the 28th forest management agreement (FMA) to cover timber operations in the Hearst area, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

The 20-year agreement approved by Cabinet yesterday will cover a productive forest area of 10,097 square kilometres.

This agreement, under the Crown Timber Act, and the first involving more than one company in a co-operative venture, will ensure the forest is managed on a sustained yield basis.

The FMA will also ensure that wood supplies are available on a continuous basis to the wood processing plants in the vicinity of Hearst and Calstock.

The agreement brings to 63 per cent the area of the province under timber licences that are administered through Forest Management Agreements.

FMAs require the agreement holder to be responsible for forest management work, including regeneration and tending, activities previously carried out by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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PROVINCE DONATES
\$8.5-MILLION IN LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE
TO ESTABLISH NEW NATIONAL PARK

The Province of Ontario will donate land and other capital improvements, valued at \$8.5-million, to the federal government to establish the Bruce Peninsula National Park.

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today that agreement in principle had been reached with federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan on the transfer of land to the federal government for the 270-square-kilometre park at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

Mr. Kerrio has sent Mr. McMillan a memorandum of understanding confirming Ontario's willingness to donate the land to the federal government.

"Ontario will donate 7,000 hectares of land, including two provincial parks and their capital improvements, to the Bruce Peninsula National Park," Mr. Kerrio said. "These lands will form almost half of the new park."

"By making these contributions, the province recognizes and actively supports the wider national significance of the Bruce Peninsula and the importance of protecting this area for all Canadians to enjoy."

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The provincial Crown lands, valued at \$6-million, include Fathom Five and Cyprus Lake Provincial Parks, a junior ranger camp, and all of the associated facilities which the Ministry of Natural Resources has put on those sites. The improvements are valued at \$2.5-million.

"I have also agreed that there should be no hunting within the national park," Mr. Kerrio said.

"However, I have identified an area of approximately 3,800 hectares in the southwest corner of the study area which will not be included in the park," Mr. Kerrio said. "By doing this, a portion of the area can be retained for the hunting activities which are so much a part of the area's tradition."

"My ministry will also consult with conservation groups and local people to improve wildlife habitat in the appropriate areas," Mr. Kerrio said.

A draft agreement for the land transfer, including exact boundaries of the park, is being prepared to be signed by the federal and provincial ministers. They will meet soon to finalize this agreement, which could be signed by both ministers by December 31, 1986.

The Bruce Peninsula National Park was first discussed by the Ontario and federal governments in 1981. The peninsula is a ridge of land separating Lake Huron and Georgian Bay at the northern extension of the Niagara Escarpment.

The park will be Ontario's fifth national park.

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ONTARIO WILDLIFE RESEARCHERS
ASK YOU TO ASK THEM
AT NATURAL RESOURCES OPEN HOUSE

Does it take more than sturdy scales and a soft step to weigh a 450-kilogram (1000-lb), snoozing polar bear? Can you nose up to a not-so-happy skunk, vaccinate it against rabies, and ever have friends spend time with you again?

Ask these and other questions next week when wildlife specialists from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources host their first open house at the Wildlife Research Section in Maple, Ontario.

On October 15 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and October 16 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Maple office invites wildlife enthusiasts, sportsmen, and the curious-at-heart to drop in and ask about the latest scientific efforts in Ontario wildlife research.

Poster displays and first-hand accounts are featured on programs to reintroduce the rare trumpeter swan to Ontario marsh lands; the recently completed rabies bait drop near Wingham, Ontario, to immunize red foxes; survival rates of radio-collared deer; and much more.

The Maple Wildlife Research Section, located 800 metres north of Major MacKenzie Drive on Dufferin Street, has conducted research to understand and enhance wildlife populations in Ontario for nearly 50 years.

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MINISTRY OFFERS \$4.3-MILLION
TO HOLD DOWN GYPSY MOTH SPREAD
ON PRIVATE LAND IN EASTERN ONTARIO

The provincial government is again offering \$4.3-million in support of a private land spraying program in 1987 in eastern Ontario involving the use of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) to contain the spread of gypsy moths that defoliated 168,000 hectares in 1986. This will supplement another \$5.5-million that the province will spend to protect Crown lands.

"Given the scope of the program and the potential for further spread of the infestation, it is essential that the province and the counties negotiate a cost-sharing formula that will maximize the effective use of both public and private funds," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"Such a formula must reflect the responsibility of private landowners to protect their property," Mr. Kerrio said. "It is obvious that a significant contribution by private landowners will allow the protection of a much larger area."

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Last year, 55,000 hectares of private land were treated with the province paying \$4.3-million, or about 96 per cent of the cost.

The province is still prepared to support this high grant rate in areas of rapid spread. However, where the objective is simply foliage protection, Mr. Kerrio said the property owners must share a more significant part of the cost to protect their own properties. For example, properties under four hectares (10 acres) would be sprayed at the owner's expense.

"We want to ensure that the 1987 spray program includes private land," said Mr. Kerrio. "We're counting on the counties to work with us to protect as much private land as possible."

He emphasized that the gypsy moth will not go away, and that southern Ontario is going to have to learn to live with the pest. The aerial spray program is a holding action that provides short-term protection for high value stands. It costs approximately \$100 to spray a hectare of forest with two applications of Bt, a biological insecticide.

Federal forest insect experts say that the gypsy moth has been found throughout all of southern Ontario, and it is only a matter of time until significant defoliation begins occurring outside eastern Ontario.

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The eastern counties seeking protection include Leeds-Grenville, Lanark, Renfrew, Frontenac, Lennox-Addington, Prince Edward, Hastings, Peterborough and Northumberland. Mr. Kerrio has invited members of the Nine County Gypsy Moth Committee to meet with him again to discuss the 1987 private land spraying program.

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MINISTER RELEASES
ACTION PLAN ON
FOREST MANAGEMENT



October 27, 1986

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today released an action plan which will lead to some important changes in forest management practices in the province.

Mr. Kerrio said the plan "is a major step forward. It will carry forest management in Ontario into the 21st century." The action plan, which was tabled in the Ontario Legislature, contains 16 initiatives affecting both technical and administrative aspects of forest management.

The plan was formulated by the ministry in response to an independent audit of forest management in Ontario by Dr. Gordon Baskerville, Dean of Forestry at the University of New Brunswick. Dean Baskerville's report was made public September 4.

The audit and action plan are part of a comprehensive program to evaluate and update forest management procedures and to subject the processes of government to greater public scrutiny, he said.

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"The practices of my ministry have been open to unprecedented public examination and review. I am confident that the result will be improved forest management techniques and administration and a strengthening of public confidence in our work -- and in the future of our valuable forest resource," said the Minister.

Mr. Kerrio noted that in the year since he announced that Dean Baskerville would conduct the independent audit, he has made public a report on forest management by the Provincial Auditor and released the first five-year reviews of five Forest Management Agreements (FMAs). The class environmental assessment hearing into the ministry's timber management practices will begin in 1987.

The action plan addresses five major areas:

- how to ensure the best end use of timber;
- how to determine whether current silvicultural practices (regeneration and tending) are best helping to meet forest management targets;
- how to integrate non-timber uses of the forest (such as wildlife habitat or tourism) with timber management;
- how to deal with problems relating to an "administrative mindset" in the ministry and the need to clarify the responsibility and accountability of the unit forester;
- how to gain public credibility for the Forest Resources Inventory (FRI).

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Mr. Kerrio noted the ministry has already taken some steps which are consistent with the thrust of the Baskerville report.

He said that it is important to understand that Dean Baskerville did not prescribe a series of specific recommendations -- he left it up to the ministry to work out solutions.

Mr. Kerrio said that specific ministry initiatives have firm target dates for implementation. For example, the Ontario Wood Supply Model, which the ministry uses to determine harvest levels, will be modified to provide improved local projections and will be available to all field foresters by December 1987.

A number of the initiatives in the plan were already under way when Dean Baskerville made his report. For example, the ministry was in the midst of a survey of new, regenerated forest areas. The action plan calls for expansion of that survey and a completion date of December 1988.

In some cases, the ministry is also bringing in outside experts for advice and assistance. Dr. James Kayll, Director of Forestry at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, will chair a committee of ministry and forest industry officials to establish more detailed criteria for forest stand allocation to ensure the best timber utilization.

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Dr. Robert Rosehart, president of Lakehead, will chair another group, including environmentalists, academics and forest industry representatives, to evaluate the ministry's forest inventory figures (the FRI), and recommend a process for verifying the inventory on an ongoing basis.

While Dean Baskerville said the FRI is a reasonable base as used in current forest management planning, he noted that its accuracy has been publicly questioned. Mr. Kerrio said Dr. Rosehart's committee should "provide us with a definitive assessment of the FRI."

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EDITORS: A two-page summary and a copy of the action plan accompanies this release.

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RESOURCES MINISTRY
ACTING AS MATCH-MAKER
FOR MATE-LESS MICHIGAN MOOSE

In the deep woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula there are a few lonely cow moose -- so Ontario is riding to the rescue.

A shipment of 15 bulls and 15 cows from Ontario's Algonquin Park will be sent to Michigan this coming winter, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

In January 1985, Ontario provided 10 males and 19 females to help re-introduce moose to The Wolverine State. But the low initial number of bulls and a few subsequent losses meant some females didn't mate and produce offspring, much to the concern of state officials who want a herd of 1,000 animals by the year 2000.

"This isn't just helping out a neighbor, it's a contribution from all Ontarians to a good cause -- restoring a species to part of its former range in North America," Mr. Kerrio said.

"The people of Michigan would like to express their gratitude to the people of Ontario for their generosity in sharing their exceptional wildlife resources with an international neighbor," said Gordon Guyer, Director of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources.

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"The moose transplant has inspired all of our citizens and focused on the importance of fostering not only national but international conservation efforts."

The moose transfer will involve helicopters, non-stop truck relays and a skilled team of provincial and state wildlife staff. The cost of the transfer will be about \$60,000, and will be paid for by the state and by proceeds from a special Michigan fund-raising campaign.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula lost its original moose population when logging, fire, and an increase in deer numbers made conditions unsuitable for moose in the late 1800s.

The deer carried a parasite worm which, though harmless to deer themselves, is fatal when transmitted to moose.

Now, with mature forests and low numbers of deer once again, state wildlife officials have judged conditions suitable for a re-introduction of moose.

The original 29 moose transferred in 1985 have produced a net increase of 20 animals for a total of 49. Although Michigan officials are still concerned about the low number of bulls -- the reason for the second transfer -- both Ontario and Michigan are proud of the results achieved so far.

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Mr. Kerrio pointed out that this winter's transfer will involve less than one per cent of the approximately 4,000 moose inhabiting Algonquin Park.

The 1987 transfer will be similar to the one in 1985. Wildlife experts in helicopters will immobilize moose with tranquillizer darts and airlift them to a staging area. The animals will be tested for overall health and pregnancy and then shipped non-stop to their new home in Michigan.

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PROVINCIAL PARKS COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
ANNOUNCED BY MINISTER

Lloyd Burrridge, Windsor's Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, will be the new chairman of the Ontario Provincial Parks Council, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Established in 1974, the council provides the Minister with independent, objective advice concerning matters related to the policy, planning, development and management of Ontario's provincial parks.

Aside from his long career in parks and recreation management, Mr. Burrridge has published a number of academic papers related to parks and was also the 1985 co-winner of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists' Lee Symmes Award.

Other new council members include:

- Eileen Silverlock, vice-chairperson, a long-time member of the Niagara Falls YWCA board of directors;
- Bruce Beamer of Lion's Head, the president of two engineering firms, one of which specializes in forest products mills;
- Carol Bradley of Pembroke, a former teacher and Upper Ottawa Valley Ski Zone board member; and,
- Margot Doey-Vick, a camping enthusiast who was involved in surveying users in 15 Ontario provincial parks last summer.

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Mr. Kerrio also re-appointed two members of the council for a second term. They are Dr. Claude Cousineau of the University of Ottawa's department of recreology, and David Stewart, an outdoor enthusiast and conservationist from Cache Bay.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
MEETS U.S. OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS SOFTWOOD LUMBER TARIFFS

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio joined federal Trade Minister Pat Carney and three other provincial ministers in Washington yesterday to present a strong case against the U.S. Commerce Department's proposed tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber.

"We made our point forcefully -- that the Department of Commerce erred significantly in its preliminary decision to impose a 15-per-cent duty on Canadian softwood," said Mr. Kerrio.

"We urged that our position be taken into consideration when the Department of Commerce announces a final decision on December 30."

The Canadian delegation met with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige to discuss several Canada-U.S. trade questions.

The Canadian delegation also included ministers from the three other provinces named in the lumber countervail petition from U.S. industry. They were Don Sparrow, Alberta's Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife; Jack Kempf, British Columbia's Minister of Forests and Lands; and Pierre MacDonald, Quebec's Minister of External Trade.

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The U.S. Department of Commerce has been verifying information provided prior to the preliminary determination. The Department made a preliminary decision to impose a 15-per-cent tariff on Canadian softwood lumber.

"The provinces, industry and labor are united with the federal government in a collective effort to fight the tariff," said Mr. Kerrio. "We are prepared to do everything in our power to convince the Americans of the unfairness of the decision, and the inaccuracies on which it was based."

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RESOURCES MINISTRY
TO SPRAY BT ONLY
IN 1987 PROTECTION PROGRAM

Ontario will utilize only Bacillus thuringiensis, or Bt, in the 1987 aerial spray program against spruce budworm, jack pine budworm and gypsy moth, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"It is appropriate to continue with the biological pesticide this year, in view of the results from the 1985 and 1986 spray program," said Mr. Kerrio.

"Eradication of even one of these three major forest pests is out of the question. We will be spraying to protect high priority areas such as valuable timber stands and recreational areas."

Provincial entomologists forecast that the major spruce budworm infestation that has plagued northern Ontario since 1967, appears to be starting to decline.

Spruce budworm numbers, according to recent surveys of egg masses in tree stands across the north, are down. However, in the region from Lake Nipigon west to the Manitoba border, some local budworm damage is expected to remain severe.

Since 1984, the spruce budworm infestation has caused heavy defoliation of 8.8-million to 12.3-million hectares of forest.

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In addition, jack pine budworm populations have collapsed in northeastern Ontario, and are expected to decline in the northwest in 1987. In the past three years, the jack pine budworm has caused heavy defoliation of up to 3.7-million hectares of forest throughout northern Ontario.

In eastern Ontario, the results of surveys of egg masses in the fall of 1986 seem to indicate the gypsy moth infestation north of Kingston may be declining.

At the same time, however, small but severe local infestations of moths have been reported in the Constance Bay area near Ottawa, near Renfrew and north of Brighton in Northumberland County. Based on egg mass counts, gypsy moths are also active in parts of the Niagara Peninsula, near the Town of Simcoe and in and around London.

Forest pest officials say gypsy moths are here to stay in Ontario. They can now be found in the south from Cornwall to Windsor and as far north as the Algonquin Park area. In 1986, some 168,000 hectares of Crown and private forest land were infested in eastern Ontario.

The spray planning process is ongoing, and will include public consultation of the proposals early in 1987.

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FISH STOCKING PROJECTS
GET A BOOST
FROM RESIDENT FISHING LICENCE

A community-run fish hatchery in Sault Ste. Marie, a project to return Atlantic salmon to the Great Lakes, and the introduction of a new strain -- Skamania steelhead trout -- to Georgian Bay are among 35 sport fisheries projects launched this year as a result of funds to come from the sale of the new Ontario resident sport fishing licence.

The province has allocated almost \$700,000 in advance funding for the projects to be started immediately, though the new fishing licence will not be mandatory until January 1, 1987.

"Some projects are being launched immediately because they are seasonal in nature," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "If we waited until the fishing licence was in effect, we'd have to wait another year to begin work.

"Other projects have been high on our list of priorities for some time. Licence-based funding has enabled those projects to finally be realized."

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Sale of the new resident fishing licence could raise as much as \$9-million a year for fisheries management projects.

Starting January 1, 1987, Ontario fishermen between the ages of 18 and 64 will be required to purchase a resident fishing licence -- \$10 for a year, or \$5 to fish for four consecutive days. Children, senior citizens, and the disabled are not required to buy the licence. It is available through a network of 3,000 private issuers and at all MNR District offices.

The Atlantic salmon and the Skamania steelhead trout will begin life at a \$109,000 fish culture facility at MNR's Normandale hatchery in the Simcoe District.

MNR will receive fish eggs -- up to 70,000 Atlantic salmon from Maine and 50,000 Skamania from Indiana -- to be raised at Normandale hatchery for 18 months until ready for stocking.

Funds will be spent on egg acquisition, the construction of quarantine facilities at Normandale and modifications to the hatchery.

In Sault Ste. Marie, the new municipal hatchery will be fitted with equipment valued at \$50,000.

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The Sault Ste. Marie hatchery, which will be built downtown, is a joint project involving community groups, the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the provincial and federal governments.

MNR's contribution is being channelled through its Community Fisheries Involvement Program, which provides for community participation in sports fisheries enhancement projects.

The new municipal hatchery is part of a major plan in that city to boost local sport fishing opportunities and improve local attractions for tourism.

The hatchery will raise 100,000 rainbow trout yearlings, 100,000 brown trout yearlings, and 400,000 chinook salmon smolts a year for release in local waters.

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**MINISTER BUYS FIRST
RESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENCE
IN ONTARIO**



Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, today became the first person to buy Ontario's new resident sport fishing licence.

As of January 1, 1987, most residents of Ontario between the ages of 18 and 64 will require a licence to fish in the province. The licences will be available from a network of more than 3,000 vendors across the province, and will cost \$10 for the year, or \$5 for any four consecutive days.

The licences are expected to produce as much as \$9-million in their first year of sale. The revenue will be used to benefit fishermen throughout the province.

"This \$9-million is in addition to more than \$30-million the province already spends on our fisheries, and it will allow us to enhance ministry programs to protect, maintain and rebuild this resource," said Mr. Kerrio.

In anticipation of the additional revenues which will begin flowing in 1987, the provincial government has already allocated \$700,000 in advance funding to begin work on some 35 projects across the province. These include a community-run fish hatchery in Sault Ste. Marie, a plan to return Atlantic salmon to the Great Lakes, and the introduction of a new strain of trout into Georgian Bay.

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Ontario is the last province in Canada to institute some sort of fishing licence for residents. In British Columbia, a fishing licence costs \$13, while in Quebec the price is \$21.

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MINISTER ASKS INDUSTRY
TO IMPROVE
WOOD UTILIZATION

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio has asked senior officials of Ontario forest companies to find ways to make better use of timber.

"I specifically asked them to ensure that sawlogs and other quality timber are taken to appropriate mills, and are not used as pulpwood," Mr. Kerrio said after meeting with the presidents and executive members of the Ontario Forest Industry Association and the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

A committee made up of representatives from the sawmilling and pulp and paper industries and ministry staff will establish criteria to determine the best use for forest stands -- whether it is most appropriate for pulpwood or other products.

This initiative is part of the ministry's action plan in response to the independent audit of Ontario's forest management practices conducted by Dean Gordon Baskerville of the University of New Brunswick.

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Chairman of the committee is Dr. James Kayll, Director of Forestry at Lakehead University. Industry members are Mike Innes and Warren Moore representing the Ontario Forest Industries Association, and Mike Auld, Gaetan Mallette and Norm Stephenson for the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Ministry members are Ed Markus, director, Timber Sales Branch; Trevor Isherwood, district manager, Thunder Bay; Fred Pinto, Gogama forest management supervisor; and Frank Kennedy, Dryden forest management supervisor.

Senior industry officials will also consider ways to improve the flow of wood to mills, and to eliminate cross-hauling -- where wood is traditionally sent to one mill when there is another one closer.

"This government is committed to strengthening the economy of northern Ontario," Mr. Kerrio said. "The end result of all these initiatives is that we will be able to use the timber from Ontario's Crown forests more efficiently and effectively, ensuring maximum economic benefits.

"We see this as a matter that must be resolved in close co-operation with the industry."

In a speech earlier this month to a conference in Sault Ste. Marie on northern competitiveness, Premier David Peterson spoke about the need to improve the flow of sawlogs and other quality forest products from forests in northern Ontario to appropriate mills.

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CONTROLLED HUNT
FOR WILD TURKEY
TO BE HELD IN NAPANEE AREA

Ontario's first hunt for wild turkeys since the early 1900s will be held in eastern Ontario next spring, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"We will hold a controlled hunt for wild turkey in my ministry's Napanee District in May 1987," said Mr. Kerrio.

"The wild turkey reintroduction program conducted co-operatively by my Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and other concerned conservationists has been particularly successful in the Napanee District. The wild turkey population is now large enough that we can hold a hunt, which was one of the objectives of the reintroduction program."

The hunt will be held in two consecutive six-day seasons in Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 68 and 71. The first season will begin Monday, May 4, and run to Saturday, May 9. The second will follow on Monday, May 11, and end Saturday, May 16.

Hunters will require a wild turkey validation tag to take part in the hunt. The tags will cost \$12 and be allocated by a random draw. Application forms for the tag draw are available from MNR's Napanee District office. Hunters must possess a valid small-game hunting licence to apply for the tag draw.

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The ministry will issue no more than 1,000 tags between the two WMUs. The exact number of tags for each WMU will be determined after a count of the birds is completed this winter.

Only shotguns or archery equipment will be permitted in the hunt. Hunting hours will be from a half-hour before sunrise to noon.

"Only bearded or male turkeys -- known as gobblers -- will be hunted," Mr. Kerrio said. "One male bird typically breeds with a number of females, so the hunt will not reduce the reproductive potential of the population. The hunt will be timed to take place after most females are bred and incubating eggs."

Wild turkeys disappeared from southern Ontario at the turn of the century primarily because of the loss of hardwood forest habitat and over-hunting.

Mature hardwood forests -- which produce nuts and fruits, staple foods in the wild turkey diet -- have regenerated in the intervening years, and now provide suitable wild turkey habitat in parts of southern Ontario.

Since 1984, MNR and OFAH, have released 253 wild turkeys from the U.S. in five ministry districts: Napanee, Simcoe, Huronia, Cambridge, and Niagara. The birds were supplied by Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, New York and Vermont states.

Wild turkey numbers have grown dramatically in the Napanee District. In 1984 and 1985, MNR released a total of 96 birds in the Napanee area. They reproduced successfully, and by last spring there were an estimated 700 birds. Several thousand birds are expected in the area by the spring of 1987.

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"The successful reintroduction of the wild turkey to Ontario has a double benefit," said Mr. Kerrio. "We have re-established a part of Ontario's wildlife heritage and a prized gamebird. Local economies will also benefit from the controlled hunt."

The hunt will take place primarily on private land, so hunters will need the permission of landowners before they hunt. Trespass laws will be enforced.

Hunting wild turkeys will be a new experience for most Ontario hunters. To familiarize hunters with the wild turkey, OFAH will conduct hunter education seminars on wild turkey hunting and safety.

Hunters whose names are drawn for a wild turkey validation tag will be required to attend a seminar and pass an MNR examination before he or she can purchase the tag.

Seminars will be held at various locations prior to the hunt. Dates and locations of the seminars will be provided with the application for the tag draw.

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MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PROPOSES NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS
TO ONTARIO'S GAME AND FISH ACT

Changes allowing the expansion of commercial aquaculture and the better management of black bear are among numerous amendments to the Game and Fish Act introduced in the Ontario legislature today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"The Act was last amended in 1980, and the amendments bring it up to date and enable the ministry to implement programs it has developed in the past six years," Mr. Kerrio said.

The amendments reflect general public concerns and result from consultation with a variety of interest groups, including the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Among the key amendments are:

- Various changes in how the black bear will be managed in Ontario. Some of these changes include better control of the harvest and hunting methods.
- The expansion of commercial aquaculture by permitting the culture of additional fish species in the province.

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- An increase in fines for any commercial violation of the Act. The existing maximum penalty will increase from \$5,000 to \$50,000 or imprisonment for a maximum of two years less a day, or both.
- Legislative authority to require hunters to wear high visibility orange clothing to reduce the type of accidents in which hunters are mistaken for game.
- Changes regarding the keeping of game in captivity, so that officials can better control or prevent both the keeping and marketing of such species as falcons, black bear and deer.
- Recommendations for hunter licensing and control of hunting methods with respect to the highly successful reintroduction of wild turkeys in Ontario.

These and other amendments affect 49 sections in the Game and Fish Act of Ontario.

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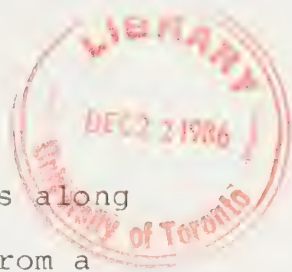
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PROVINCE ANNOUNCES
LONG-TERM SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG GREAT LAKES



Owners who plan to develop their properties along Ontario's Great Lakes shoreline will benefit from a long-term program announced today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre.

The strategy includes a new policy statement on shoreline management, comprehensive protection, increased mapping, and additional funding for low interest loans, technical advice and supplies of sandbags.

The assistance measures are based on recommendations of the Shoreline Management Review Committee. The committee -- chaired by James McGuigan, MPP for Kent-Elgin -- was appointed last April to study the long-term management of the Great Lakes shoreline.

Over 1,500 people attended 20 meetings held by the committee and provided 400 briefs and oral reports on shoreline management issues.

"The committee has made excellent recommendations in four categories: jurisdiction, prevention, protection and emergency response," said Mr. Kerrio. "We will be acting on a number of these recommendations right now -- to help landowners. Others will take time -- and will be announced in the coming months."

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Mr. Kerrio told the Legislature that to develop a comprehensive approach, a joint policy statement between the Ministries of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs will be developed to encourage consistency in managing the shoreline.

The policy will provide municipalities with consistent planning direction for shoreline areas which will provide long term control over flooding and erosion in their area.

Mapping will be targeted to define these hazard areas, as part of the Canada-Ontario Flood Damage Reduction Agreement. The public will be informed that this information is available.

Conservation authorities will oversee the mapping, plans for the shoreline, emergency measures and be responsible for public information at the local level. They will also oversee future shoreline works on individual properties, and will approve them under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Where no authority exists, the Ministry of Natural Resources will assume this responsibility.

To increase public involvement in decisions about shoreline management, Mr. Kerrio will also appoint a Shoreline Management Advisory Council to regularly solicit public opinion and advise the government.

To help landowners construct seawalls and other protective structures, the government will also allocate another \$1-million to the low interest loan program for this fiscal year.

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs recently added \$1.5-million to the existing \$2-million earmarked to assist shoreline landowners. The annual level of funding now will total \$4.5-million, Mr. Kerrio said.

The government will also add \$700,000 to the program which provides municipalities with free sandbags and a technical advisory service to landowners.

Mr. Kerrio said he anticipates a larger scale capital funding program, but first a number of issues must be resolved. He has asked his staff, in conjunction with representatives from the Ministries of Municipal Affairs, and Treasury and Economics to report back in three months on options for negotiating cost sharing for capital works.

Mr. Kerrio also said that he has written to the federal Minister of the Environment Tom McMillan, to indicate the importance of the federal government's role.

"This is a problem which has been ignored for a long time, and I am glad that it has finally been addressed," said Mr. Grandmaitre. "If the federal government would show the same willingness, we could see some real progress."

Copies of the Shoreline Management Review Committee report are available from Ministry of Natural Resources district and regional offices, and the Public Information Centre in Toronto, 99 Wellesley Street West, Room 1640. Telephone: (416) 965-9751.

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NEW BOOK
OFFERS FRESH LOOK
AT ONTARIO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Fisheries management is a complex subject, and Toronto writer David Gilmour has captured that complexity in a straightforward and lively way in The Glass Bottom Boat.

Recently published by NC Press, the book will be of interest to anglers, commercial fishermen, historians, naturalists and anyone interested in how Ontario fisheries are managed.

"That task is rather like staging a play," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "When it's done well, the audience is never really aware of all the behind-the-scenes people who make it a success. Yet without the backstage support, the drama would never unfold."

Mr. Gilmour's book, written with the co-operation of the Ministry of Natural Resources, is an account of the work done by conservation officers, biologists, survey crews, researchers and technicians -- the ministry's "behind-the-scenes people."

But it is more than a technical book, covering subjects that include exotic fish species in Ontario waters, commercial fishing, stream rehabilitation, stocking and hatcheries, lake and stream surveys, enforcement, and research.

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During the 18-month period he spent on research, Mr. Gilmour collected the reminiscences, opinions and anecdotes of hundreds of people -- from ministry officials to anglers and commercial fishermen.

The book sells for \$12.95 in paperback and \$21.95 in hardcover. It is available or can be ordered from various retail outlets across the province, as well as from the Public Information Centre at the Ministry of Natural Resources, 99 Wellesley Street West, and the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, in Toronto.

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